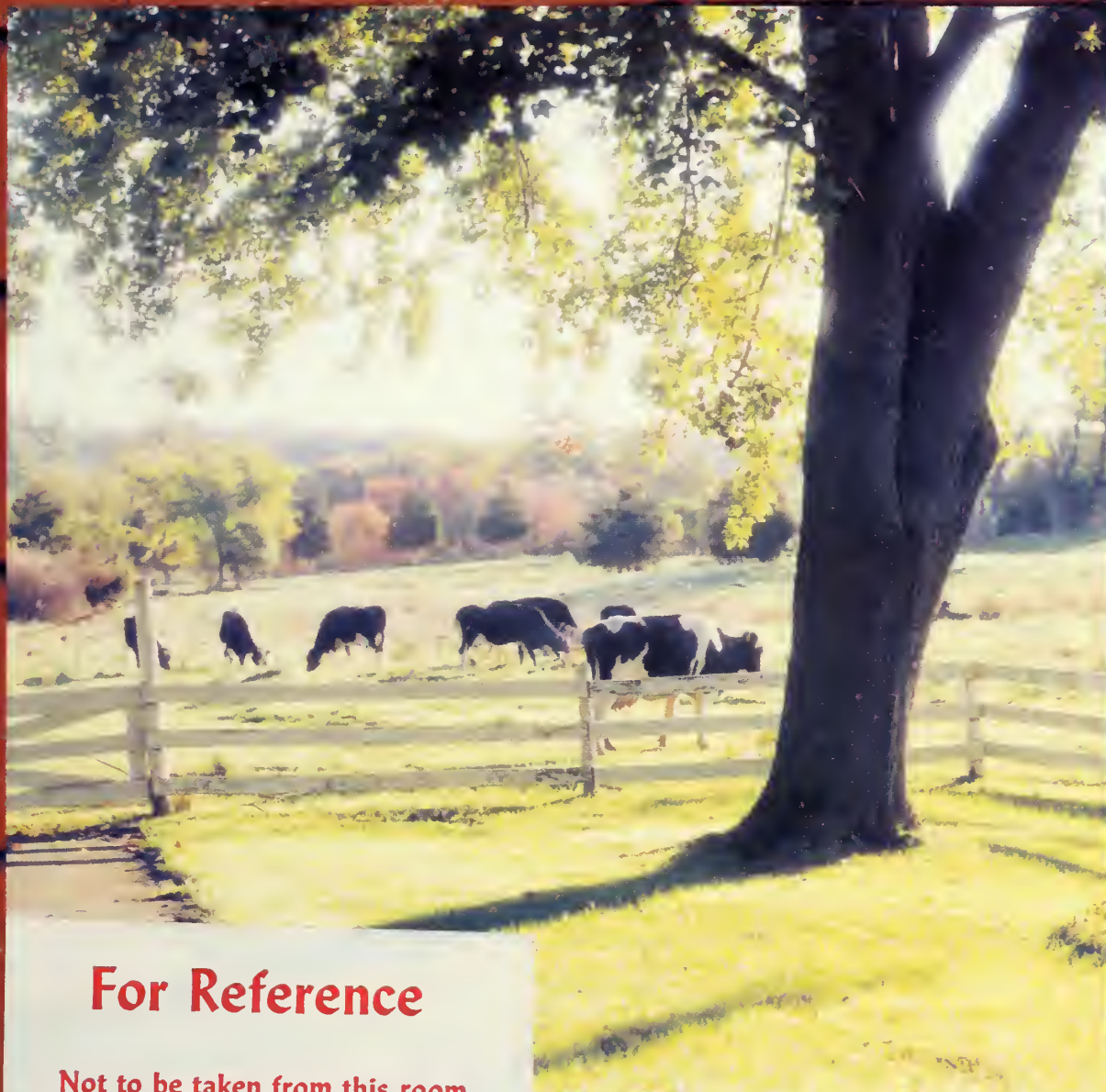


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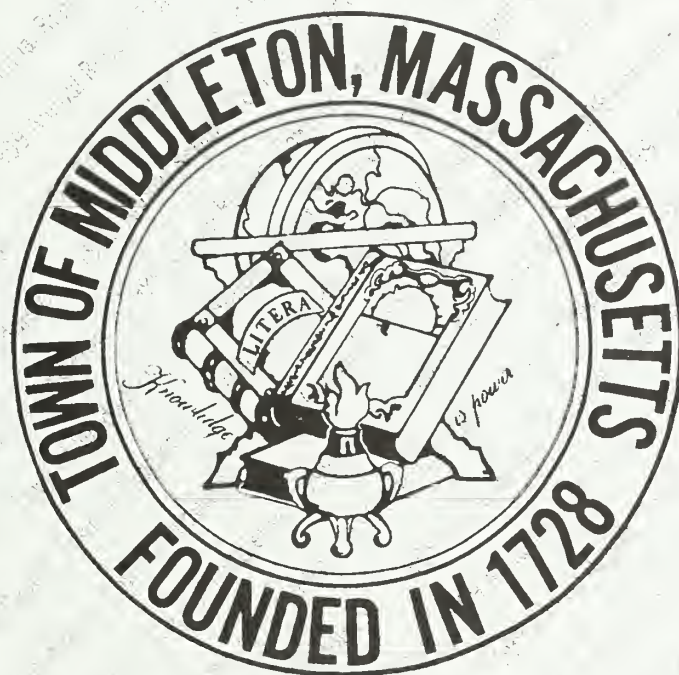
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## ***Town of Middleton Massachusetts***

**Two Hundred and Seventy-First  
Municipal Year**







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## **DEDICATION**

Whether raised in song from the choir or making a point on the floor of Town Meeting, the voice of Eugene LeBlanc has inspired and guided the people of Middleton for over thirty years. There is hardly a Board on which Gene has not served. He was a member of the original Master Plan Committee in the late 1960s, he served ten years on the Planning Board, including 2 years as its chair, and was also elected to the Board of Selectmen. The Board of Health, Zoning Board of Appeals, Board of Assessors, Growth Policy Committee, the Middleton 250th Anniversary Committee and Ipswich River Planning Commission are some of the many Boards and Committees to which he has offered his time and energy.

Most recently the Council on Aging has benefited from his wisdom and humor. Gene is still an active member of the Historical Society and though he does not currently serve the Town in any official capacity, his voice is still heard at Town Meeting and many other forums important to the future of Middleton. He can be counted on to ask an important question or make an enlightening comment, and he can dance circles around folks half his age!

Gene, for your energy and wisdom we admire you. For your commitment to the Town of Middleton we thank you. It is an honor to dedicate the last annual report of the twentieth century to a person who has had such great influence in shaping the character of Middleton over the last thirty years.





## IN MEMORIAM



**HENRY N.  
SAWYER**

**1917 - 1999**



**EDITH A.  
WENNERBERG**

**1921 - 1999**



**GEORGE A.  
LEMAY**

**1931 - 1999**

# 1999 SCHEDULE

## MIDDLETON MEETINGS

### OFFICE HOURS AND TELEPHONE LISTING

OFFICE	DAY(S)	TIME	PLACE	TELEPHONE
Accountant	Monday - Friday	8:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.	Memorial Hall	978-777-4966
Town Administrator	Monday - Friday	8:30 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.	Memorial Hall	978-777-3617
Animal Control Officer	Varies		26 Locust Street	978-777-0825
Annual Town Meeting	2nd Tuesday in May		North Shore Technical H.S.	978-762-0001
Annual Town Election	Monday after Town Meeting		Fuller Meadow School	
Board of Appeals Meeting	4th Thursday	7:30 p.m.	Fuller Meadow School	978-777-8917
Board of Appeals Office	Monday - Friday	8:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.	195 North Main Street	978-777-8917
Board of Assessors Meeting	Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	Memorial Hall	978-774-2099
Board of Assessors Office	Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday Tuesday	8:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. 8:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. 8:00 a.m.- 8:00 p.m.	Memorial Hall	978-774-2099
Conservation Comm. Meeting	1st Tuesday	7:30 p.m.	Fuller Meadow School	978-777-1869
Conservation Comm. Office	Monday - Friday	8:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.	195 North Main Street	978-777-1869
Council on Aging Meeting	2nd Wednesday	9:30 a.m.	Senior Center	978-777-4067
COA Senior Center	Monday, Wednesday, Friday	9:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.	Senior Center	978-777-4067
Department of Public Works	Monday - Friday	8:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.	195 North Main Street	978-777-0407
Electric Light Dept. Meeting	2nd Thursday	7:30 p.m.	197 North Main Street	978-774-4313
Electric Light Dept. Office	Monday - Friday	8:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.	197 North Main Street	978-774-4313
<b>EMERGENCY</b>	<b>Always</b>	<b>24 hours</b>	<b>POLICE FIRE AMBULANCE</b>	<b>911</b>
Finance Committee	Variable		Fuller Meadow School	
<b>FIRE Department</b>	<b>Always</b>	<b>24 hours</b>	<b>Next to Flint Library</b>	<b>978-774-2466</b>



OFFICE	DAY(S)	TIME	PLACE	TELEPHONE
Fuller Meadow School	Monday - Friday	7:30 a.m.- 3:30 p.m.	143 So. Main Street	978-750-4756
Board of Health Meeting	1st Wednesday	8:00 p.m.	Fuller Meadow School	978-777-1869
Board of Health Office	Monday - Friday	8:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.	195 North Main Street	978-777-1869
Housing Authority Meeting	2nd Thursday	7:30 p.m.	Orchard Circle	978-774-4333
Howe-Manning School	Monday - Friday	7:30 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.	26 Central Street	978-774-3519
Inspections Office	Monday - Friday	8:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.	195 North Main Street	978-777-2850
Library Trustees Meeting	2nd Monday	7:00 p.m.	Flint Public Library	978-774-8132
Planning Board Meeting	2nd and 4th Wednesday	7:30 p.m.	Fuller Meadow School	978-777-2850
Planning Board Office	Monday - Friday	8:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.	195 North Main Street	978-777-2850
<b>POLICE Department</b>	<b>Monday - Friday</b>	<b>8:00 a.m- 5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>65 North Main Street</b>	<b>978-774-4424</b>
Recreation Comm. Meeting	2nd Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	Senior Center	
Regional School Committee Meeting	1st & 3rd Wednesdays	7:30 p.m.	Masconomet Admin. Building	978-887-2323
Middleton School Committee Meeting	2nd Thurs & Variable	7:30 p.m.	Fuller Meadow School	978-750-1955
Board of Selectmen	Every Tuesday (July, August every other Tues)	7:30 p.m.	Fuller Meadow School	978-774-3344
Selectmen's Office	<b>Monday - Friday</b>	<b>8:30 a.m- 5:00 p.m.</b>	Memorial Hall	978-774-3344
Transfer Station	Wednesday, Saturday, Sunday	7:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.	Natsue Way	
Town Clerk's Office	Every Tuesday Monday - Thursday Friday	6:00 a.m.- 8:00 p.m. 9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. 9:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.	Memorial Hall	978-774-6927
Tri-Town School Union	Variable		Fuller Meadow School	978-750-1955
Tax Collector, Treasurer	Every Tuesday Monday - Friday	6:00 a.m.- 8:00 p.m. 8:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.	Memorial Hall	978-774-8327 978-774-1867



# 1998 - 1999 SENATORS & REPRESENTATIVES

## STATE

### SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT

*FIRST ESSEX and  
MIDDLESEX DISTRICT*  
Senator Bruce E. Tarr  
State House  
Room 313A  
Boston, MA. 02133  
Tel: (617) 722-1600

### COUNCILLOR

*FIFTH DISTRICT*  
Councillor Patricia A. Dowling  
State House  
Room 184  
Boston, MA. 02133  
Tel: (617) 727-2756 x5

### REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT

*TWENTY SECOND  
MIDDLESEX DISTRICT*  
Representative Brian M. Cresta  
State House  
Room 550  
Boston, MA. 02133  
Tel: (617) 722-2491  
or  
27 Water Street  
Wakefield, MA. 01880  
(781) 246-7767

### GOVERNOR

The Honorable Argeo Paul Cellucci  
State House  
Room 360  
Boston, MA. 02133  
Tel: (617) 727-3600

## FEDERAL

### REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS

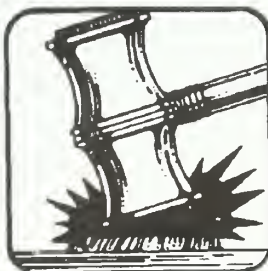
*SIXTH DISTRICT*  
Congressman John F. Tierney  
17 Peabody Square  
Peabody, MA. 01960  
Tel: (978) 531-1669  
Fax: (978) 531-1996  
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120 Cannon Building  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515  
Tel: (202) 225-8020  
Fax: (202) 225-5915

### UNITED STATES SENATOR

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Fax: (202) 224-2417  
E-mail: senator@kennedy.senate.gov

### UNITED STATES SENATOR

The Honorable John F. Kerry  
10 Park Plaza  
Boston, MA. 02116  
Tel: (617) 565-8519  
or  
SR-362 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510  
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Fax: (202) 224-8525  
E-mail: john.kerry@kerry.senate.gov



# TOWN OFFICIALS APPOINTED - 1999

**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR**  
Ira S. Singer 2000

**TOWN ACCOUNTANT**  
**CUSTODIAN OF TOWN LANDS**  
Robert F. Murphy 2002

**TREASURER/COLLECTOR**  
Charles W. Newhall 2002

**TOWN COUNSEL**  
Segal, Edelstein, Bussone & Fallon 2002

**INTERIM ASS'T ASSESSOR**  
Bradford W. Swanson 2000

**CHIEF OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT**  
**FOREST WARDEN**  
**ASSISTANT EMERGENCY MGT. DIR.**  
Henry Michalski, Jr.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR**  
George W. Nash 2000

**CHIEF OF POLICE**  
Paul Armitage

**INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**  
Bernard F. Creeden, Ed.D 2000

**INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS**  
**ZONING ENFORCEMENT OFFICER**  
**FENCE VIEWER**  
Robert M. Aldenberg 2000

**ALTERNATE BUILDING INSPECTOR**  
William F. Cashman 2000

**HEALTH AGENT AND SANITARIAN**  
**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**ADMINISTRATOR**  
**HAZARDOUS WASTE COORDINATOR**  
Leo J. Cormier 2000

**PLUMBING AND GAS INSPECTOR**  
William A. Smith 2000

**INSPECTOR OF WIRES**  
Alfred Jones 2000

**DOG OFFICER**  
**ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER**  
**INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS**  
Elizabeth L. Heckman 2000

**TOWN LIBRARIAN**  
Vacancy

**SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**  
**SUPERINTENDENT OF INSECT**  
**PEST CONTROL**  
Robert Hoffman 2002

**SUPERINTENDENT OF BURIALS**  
Florence M. Leary 2000

**VETERANS' AGENT**  
George M. Farley 2000

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE**  
**MIDDLETON HOUSING AUTHORITY**  
Kathleen A. Thurston 2002

**DIRECTOR OF THE**  
**COUNCIL ON AGING**  
Vacancy

**MIDDLETON ELECTRIC LIGHT**  
**DEPARTMENT MANAGER**  
Mark Kelley

**NORTH SHORE REGIONAL VOCATIONAL**  
**SCHOOL DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE**  
Roger E. Drysdale 2001

**REPRESENTATIVE TO THE**  
**METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING COUNCIL**  
Richard W. Kassiotis

**REPRESENTATIVE TO THE IPSWICH  
RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT  
ADVISORY BOARD**

William Mugford 2001

**REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BOXFORD  
STATE FOREST ADVISORY BOARD**

Matthew W. Pride

**REPRESENTATIVE TO THE HAROLD  
PARKER STATE FOREST  
ADVISORY BOARD**

Warren A. Haas, Jr.

**BOARD OF HEALTH**

Dr. Jay R. Afrow 2000  
Paul LeBlanc 2000  
Vacancy 2001  
Mary Jane Morrin 2002  
Robert A. Ambrefe 2002



**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Antonio Pascuccio 2000  
Steven A. Cocciardi 2001  
Robert Twombly 2001  
Robert Porteous 2001  
John Erickson 2002  
Jill Mann 2002  
Gordon S. Borek 2002



**BOARD OF APPEALS**

Jeffrey D. Schreiber 2000  
Ann Tragert Cote (alt.) 2000  
Stephen R. Brickett (alt.) 2000  
Roger E. Drysdale 2001  
Jack Leitner 2002  
Lynn Murphy (alt.) 2003  
Stuart H. Lord, Jr. 2004



**REGISTRARS OF VOTERS**

Mary C. Hocter 2000  
Nancy L. Karolides 2001  
Vacancy 2002  
Sarah B. George (Ex Officio)



**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Dennis Milotzky 2000  
Sally MacDonald 2001  
Gertrude M. Dearborn 2001  
Leonard W. Kupreance 2002  
Glenn A. Bambury 2002



**CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
CONSULTANT**

W. Pike Messenger 2000

**CULTURAL COUNCIL**

Elizabeth Wetmore 2000  
Christopher Reardon 2000  
Lorraine R. Tonello 2000  
Christine Picillo 2000  
Frances Novakowski 2001  
Natalie Semenza 2001  
Kathleen Miksis 2001  
Michelle Shamon 2001  
Norma Parunzio 2001



**COUNCIL ON AGING**

Peggy Sinnrich 2000  
Josephine R. Leary 2000  
Dorothea Faulkner 2000  
Dorothy A. Ferreira 2000  
Kathryn N. Martinuk 2000  
Olga Martinuk 2000  
Edith L. Crowley (alt.) 2000  
Gertrude Dearborn (alt.) 2000  
Rose Toomey (alt.) 2000  
Marion C. Watson 2001  
Ethel E. Lee 2001  
Mary C. Hocter 2002  
Susan J. Garrison-Moore 2003  
Mary Hamilton 2004



**RECREATION COMMISSION**

William Mugford (alt.) 2000  
Michele Nowak 2000  
Priscilla C. Neal 2000  
Louis Fedullo 2000  
Janet Thwing 2002  
Gary L'Abbe 2002





### HISTORICAL COMMISSION

William Mugford (alt.)	2000
Lorne C. Davis	2000
John Goodwin	2001
Mary T. Tragert	2001
Robert W. Fox	2002



### BANDSTAND COMMITTEE

Stephen Brickett	2001
Nancy M. Jones	2001
Robert D. Twombly	2001
Henry Tragert	2001
Robert Forney	2001



### SOLID WASTE STUDY TOWN RECYCLING COMMITTEE

Leo J. Cormier	2000
Robert Hoffman	2000
Nancy M. Jones	2000
Mary Jane Morrin	2000
Robert E. Kelley	2000
Donna Bambury	2000
Glenn S. Bambury	2000
Robert Porteous	2000
Ira S. Singer	2000
Charles Newhall	2000
Board of Health Representative	2000



### JAIL LIAISON COMMITTEE

Lisa Curran, Neighborhood Rep.	2000
Linda Levesque, Citizen-At-Large	2001
Henry P. Beauparlant, Neighborhood Rep	2001
Joseph Pascucci, Selectmen's Rep	2001
Finance Committee Rep	2101
Paul Armitage, Police Chief	2001
Henry Michalski, Fire Chief	2001
Ira S. Singer, Town Administrator	2001
John A. Goodwin, Citizen-At-Large	2001



### SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Alice Tierney	2000
Linda M. Levesque	2001
Mary C. Hocter	2001
Shirley A. Murphy	2001
Donna J. Butler	2001



### MEMORIAL DAY COMMITTEE

Donna Innis  
Theodore Butler



### HOUSING PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE

Kathleen A. Thurston	(Ex Officio)
Ira S. Singer	(Ex Officio)
Linda M. Levesque	2000
Elizabeth Schultz	2000
Vacancy	2000
Faith Anderson Stone	2001
Ronald S. Twing	2001



### WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE



Henry Michalski, Jr., Fire Chief  
Ira S. Singer, Town Administrator  
Nancy M. Jones, Selectmen's Rep.  
Planning Board Representative  
Robert Hoffman, Supt. of DPW  
Leo J. Cormier, Health Agent

### CABLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Louis J. Fedullo	2001
Ira S. Singer	2001
Robert D. Twombly	2001
James M. Fortunato	2001
Alfonso Longo	2001
Gimmie Sue Valacer	2001



### DANVERS STATE HOSPITAL REUSE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Richard Kassiotis – Selectmen's Rep.  
George E. Dow, Sr. – Planning Board Rep.



**LIAISON REPRESENTATIVE  
TO THE SOUTH ESSEX  
SEWERAGE DISTRICT**

Vacancy

2000

**MASCONOMET SCHOOL  
BUILDING COMMITTEE**

Richard Kassiotis



**FIRE STATION RENOVATION COMMITTEE**

Leonard Stone, Library Trustee  
Lois Gianni, Citizen-At-Large  
Robert Twombly, Finance Committee Rep.  
Library Director  
Henry Michalski, Fire Chief  
David Leary, Firefighters Union Rep.  
Robert Porteous, Citizen-At-Large  
George W. Nash, Citizen-At-Large  
Nancy Jones, Selectmen's Representative



**GROWTH AND MASTER PLAN  
STUDY COMMITTEE**



Kosta Prentakis	2000
John A. Goodwin	2000
Mary Jane Morrin	2000
Paul Richardson	2000
Harry Mathews	2000
Steven Weitzler	2000
Vacancy	2000



# TOWN OFFICIALS ELECTED - 1999

## MODERATOR

Henry A. Tragert 2000

## TOWN CLERK

Sarah B. George 2002

## SELECTMEN

Nancy M. Jones 2000  
William R. Mugford 2000  
Mary Jane Morrin 2001  
Joseph E. Pascucci 2001  
Richard W. Kassiotis 2002

## CONSTABLE

Robert M. Aldenberg 2001

## BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Deborah J. Carbone 2000  
Patricia A. Ohlson 2001  
Kosta E. Prentakis 2002

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Thomas E. Skinner 2000  
Gimmie Sue Valacer 2000  
Joel F. Shamon 2001  
Ellen B. Weitzler 2002  
Richard J. White, Jr. 2002

\* Appointed to fill a vacancy

## REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Kurt P. Mann 2000  
Betsy McGinnity \* 2000  
Vacancy 2000  
Susan M. Richardson 2001

## PLANNING BOARD

David T. Leary, Sr. 2000  
Goerge E. Dow, Sr. 2001  
Beverly A. Popielski 2002  
Steven M. Weitzler 2003  
Harry Mathews 2004

## ELECTRIC LIGHT COMMISSION

Richard W. Kassiotis 2000  
Frank Twiss 2000  
Charles S. Clinch III 2001  
Alfred J. Jones 2002  
A. David Lenzie 2002

## LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Lois Lane Gianni 2000  
Brenda J. Kirwan 2000  
Theodore L. Novakowski 2001  
Leonard A. Stone 2002  
Marion B. Gilman 2002

## HOUSING AUTHORITY

Faith Anderson Stone 2000  
James Hannon (state apptd.) 2000  
Linda M. Levesque \* 2000  
Mary Jane Morrin 2001  
Charles M. Collier 2004

# BOARD OF SELECTMEN And TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

## 1999 Annual Report (The Last Report of The Twentieth Century)

I am pleased to submit my eighteenth annual report on behalf of the Board of Selectmen. This report will provide a brief summary of the important town government activities and events during the fiscal year from July 1, 1998 to June 30, 1999. Details of the department and committee functions are contained in the reports that follow.

Finally, the torrid pace of residential building slowed, and by the end of this fiscal year (June 30, 1999), new housing starts totaled forty, a fifty-percent decline from the previous year. With only one or two new subdivisions and a healthy building market, existing lots are quickly sold and developed. Through the first six months of Fiscal 2000 from July 1, 1999 to December, new housing starts slowed even further to seven.

This may represent the beginning of a cyclical downturn in the housing market. It may only be a short lull in development as a result of fewer landowners releasing vacant parcels into the market. At this time it does not appear that the likelihood of adoption of a residential growth control bylaw for the Annual Town Meeting in May 2000 is having any impact on the current pace of development.

As of January 1, 1999 the population of Middleton was 6,735 and will reach almost 8,000 as we enter the 21<sup>st</sup> century. This is because the federal census to be conducted in the spring of 2000 will count the approximate 1200 Essex County prisoners within Middleton's population. The 1980 federal census recorded only 4173 residents, and if this population figure holds true, town government will be required to meet the needs of a population almost 100% larger than it was only twenty years earlier.

Although prisoners are not entitled to vote or participate in town government, their presence does impact public safety services as police and fire departments are frequently required to respond to incidents at or near the Essex County Jail.

The higher population count could result in sizable increases in certain categories of state and federal aid that are population driven. We will also cautiously monitor any adverse financial or other impacts from the higher federal population count.

Traffic congestion is spreading throughout the Town to most outlying streets, and environmental impacts of such wide scale development are becoming increasingly difficult to manage.

Although the 1997 Annual Town Meeting defeated a bylaw to place restrictions on residential growth (by a few votes of the 2/3 majority required), the Growth Study Committee has completed an update of the Town's Master Plan. The new Master Plan was unanimously adopted at

a Special Town Meeting in November 1999 and several important zoning changes recommended within the plan will be presented to the Annual Town Meeting in May of 2000.



### FINANCIAL CONDITION AND TOWN DEMOGRAPHICS

The financial condition and strength of a town government in Massachusetts is commonly measured by factors such as: level of free cash, indebtedness, property values, composition of job and tax base, local tax rate, extent and quality of municipal services, especially schools.



### ***Free Cash and Indebtedness***

The Town's free cash was certified at a record high \$1,659,586 as of July 1, 1999, an increase of \$200,000 from the previous year. This surplus and other financial management practices have contributed to an excellent Double (AA) Wall Street Bond Rating through Moody's Inc. This high rating represents a strong vote of confidence in the overall fiscal strength of the Town of Middleton.

Indebtedness has increased with the Masconomet school addition and landfill capping expenses, but at year-end was less than 35% of the total debt service allowed by law, with 13% of this amount paid from water and electric rates.

### ***Tax Rate***

The Fiscal Year 1999 tax rate of \$15.14 **increased** by 4.7% from the previous year's rate of \$14.48. The Selectmen voted not to

assign a higher tax rate to business and industry in order to attract commercial development to help offset the costs associated with rapid residential growth.

Middleton's tax rate still compares quite favorably to the region and our neighboring communities as the table below demonstrates. Most of the communities listed below increased their property values using the new procedure allowed by the state for interim valuation adjustments between the mandated three-year re-valuations. This process results in lower tax rates despite the need to raise more property taxes. Middleton did not adjust its values as it is converting software valuation systems. Therefore, Middleton's FY 2000 tax rate is higher than it would have been had the Town used interim higher valuations, and will appear even more favorably next year when the assessors apply interim property values.

### **Community Fiscal Year 2000 Tax Rate**

<b><i>Community</i></b>	<b><i>Residential Rate</i></b>	<b><i>Commercial Rate</i></b>	<b><i>% Higher or Lower Than Middleton</i></b>
Middleton	\$15.14	\$15.14	
Topsfield	\$14.92	\$14.92	1.5 % Lower
Danvers	\$14.82	\$17.12	6 % Higher *
North Reading	\$16.14	\$16.14	6.7 % Higher
Salem	\$15.17	\$33.69	61 % Higher*
Beverly	\$14.49	\$23.36	25 % Higher*
Peabody	\$10.30	\$19.25	2.5 % Lower*
North Andover	\$14.91	\$17.88	8.3 % Higher
Hamilton	\$15.70	\$15.70	3.7 % Higher
Boxford	\$13.55	\$13.55	10.5 % Lower

***\* In the case of a split tax rate, the average of the two rates was used to calculate this percentage difference.***

### ***Job Base, Economic Development and Property Values***

The job base remains strong and diversified, but with very little growth in 1998 and 1999.

The unemployment rate is consistently at or below the State average varying between 3 and 3.5% over the year. The combined values of all property in Fiscal 1999 increased from \$533,624,756 to \$565,582,737. Ninety percent (90%) of this increase came from residential growth.

The lack of suitably zoned sites for commercial and industrial development has severely limited such growth. For example, of the 139 acres of business and industrially zoned undeveloped and under-developed land from the Danvers Town line to Richardson's Dairy, more than **85% of this land** is restricted from development by the new Rivers Protection Act.

The next Town Meeting will consider a proposal to add approximately 100 acres to the M-1 Zone along South Main Street to restore the balance between residential and commercial growth.

Recent studies have affirmed the fact that it costs the Town only about fifty cents of every dollar business pays in taxes to provide them municipal services. This is because businesses do not send children into local schools at a per pupil cost of more than \$6,000.

### **PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS**

Much like last year, many important construction projects are under way or proceeding towards final design. Here are the largest ones.

#### ***Essex/Forest/North Main Streets Signals and Intersection Reconstruction***

The Massachusetts Highway Department has approved the final design plans for signaling and reconstructing this dangerous intersection. The next step before bidding and construction are the three or four property



conveyances to provide sufficient publicly owned land on which to build the new sidewalks. State and federal grant funds will pay for all improvements and property acquisitions. The State's Central Artery Project in Boston has used up much of the federal funding which is normally allocated to begin projects like this one.

Historically the availability of these funds has taken one to three years after design plans are completed. Town officials are lobbying their state legislators to bring these funds to Middleton as soon as possible. Although warrants were not met for an additional traffic signal at the Oak Knoll Housing entrance, the delays resulting from new signals at Forest Street will create a gap in traffic for these residents to use in exiting their property.

The Town's design engineering firm, Louis Berger Inc. has met with many of the abutters to explain some of the impacts on their property.

The Chairman of the Board of Selectmen met with Senator Bruce Tarr and Representative Brian Cresta in an effort to expedite the release of funding for this stalled project. Massachusetts Highway Department representatives at the meeting promised to remove design review and other bureaucratic obstacles in hopes of getting this long delayed project started.

#### ***Maple Street Reconstruction (Part 1 from Kenney Road to Danvers Town line)***

The State Highway Department awarded this project to Tropeano Inc., with construction beginning in the spring of 1997. Almost two million dollars in state and federal grant funding has installed new drainage, sidewalks, granite curbing, and roadways along Maple Street from the Danvers Town line to Kenney Road. At the Howe Station intersection, a distinct new "village" look was created with traffic safety signals, the relocation of utility lines underground, and the erection of colonial style street lights very similar to improvements made in Middleton Square.

It bears repeating that much of the major aesthetic and safety improvements to be made at Howe Station are a result of the cooperative and diligent efforts of the Town's Light Department. Seven large unattractive utility poles will be removed and the huge jumble of overhead wires carrying phone, cable, electric and fire alarm signals will be removed at nominal expense to electric customers. Much of the cost will be picked up by the federal grants through an allowance for pole relocation, although MELD's Commissioners have allocated significant additional funds to finish this job.

#### ***Maple Street Reconstruction (Part 2 from Kenney Road to Middleton Square)***

After receiving initial approvals from the State Highway Department, the 1996 Town Meeting authorized Middleton's share (engineering and design funds) of undertaking improvements similar to the adjoining section of Maple Street currently under construction. Design plans that are nearing completion call for reconstruction with granite curbing, new sidewalks and drainage on Middleton's second busiest thoroughfare. Unfortunately this project is also dependent upon the release of state and federal highway funds before construction can begin and is competing with the giant Central Artery Project for dollars.

In the next year or two the Town may be faced with placing a temporary paving overlay to maintain the driving surface of the roadway while the wait goes on for the release of federal highway grant funds.

#### ***Transfer Station and Soccer Field Construction***

The Solid Waste Study Committee has overseen the completion of a state-of-the-art trash transfer station, which offers maximum opportunities for recycling of a large variety of commodities. Coupled with a 15-year contract between the Town and Odgen Martin System Inc. for trash to be hauled to its burn plant in Haverhill, homeowners will have a safe, clean, cost effective and flexible disposal area for their trash and recycling well into the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

A large swap shop was constructed under the supervision of the Solid Waste Study Committee and the Department of Public Works, along with students and staff of the North Shore Technical School. Many more commodities are now recycled, thus decreasing the amount of waste hauled to the burn plant.



As 1998 came to an end, one soccer field next to the capped landfill was completed and a second larger regulation size field will be finished by June and playable in the spring of 2000. Bleachers were donated by the Danvers Savings Bank and field irrigation systems were installed (using dug wells) to preserve the investment made in these important new athletic facilities.

#### ***Ipswich River Bridge Over Boston Street***

This 1935 structure is scheduled for replacement through another State Bridges Grant Program. The Massachusetts Highway Department is overseeing design and construction of what is referred to as "a foot print bridge replacement." Construction may begin in 2000. No widening or significant shift in Boston Street is expected during this roadwork.

#### ***River Street Reconstruction***

The Town is still waiting to receive a grant to help fund the reconstruction of River Street and the access road to the Transfer Station. This \$250,000 grant will pay for the repaving of the Transfer Station Access Road, new drainage and possibly sidewalks along the first section of River Street from Route 114 to the Transfer Station Access Road.

Most Town roads were laid out as 40 to 50 foot right-of-ways, although River Street is less than 35 feet wide. Part of these funds would have to be used to acquire the necessary road width to install this first section of sidewalk.



### ***Masconomet Regional School Expansion and Renovation***

The Masconomet Regional School District has begun the long and arduous task of the comprehensive renovation and expansion of their physical plant. A series of Town Meetings and Elections in 1997 in the three towns voted approval of \$3,000,000 in design funds. The 22 member Building Committee has selected an architectural firm, (ARC Inc.), from Cambridge to complete the design work and application to the State School Building Assistance Bureau. Construction plans and funding for this \$54 million dollar project were approved at the 1999 Annual Town Meetings. Ground breaking is expected to take place in February of 2000.

The debt service for the design funds was included in this year's tax rate at a level that will equal the cost of the building construction and renovations. This essentially means that the taxpayers have begun paying the costs of the expansion project. Following the construction of the new high school and renovations to convert the high school into the junior high, this debt service will not cause a further increase to the tax rate. Of course this does not include additional costs associated with operating, staffing and maintaining the new schools.

### ***Fire Station Renovations and Flint Library Expansion Plans***

Renovations to the Fire Station will be completed by the summer of 2000 including the replacement of the apparatus floor columns and footings, new lighting and wiring, increased vehicle height clearances, and general repairs.

The second phase of the modernization and expansion of this 1954 structure will be incorporated into the project to expand the Library and will include a two bay expansion and addition to the back of the building with new entrances from Lake Street. This will give the Fire Department vitally needed space for the next twenty-five years. The cost of this addition is estimated by the Town's consulting architects Childs, Bertman and Tseckares, to be \$1,250,000.

The second phase of schematics for the Flint Library expansion were completed by the architect under the direction of the Library Building Committee chaired by Mary Jane Morrin. This exciting project will be ready for presentation to a Special Town Meeting in the fall of 2000 when the Massachusetts State Library Commission accepts applications for grants of up to 40% of total project costs. The details of this project are described in the report of the Flint Library.

Suffice it to say that the project is building momentum and represents the most significant building improvement ever undertaken by the Town excluding the schools. The Flint Library symbolizes the cultural center of our growing community. The design includes a large multi-purpose community meeting room, a new and expanded children's reading and activities room, and new adult reading, reference, and computer/internet services areas. The addition's exterior was carefully designed to blend into the distinct architecture of the original Flint Library without overpowering the smaller building.

The Friends of the Flint have initiated a broad-based local fund raising project under the direction of Building Committee Chairperson Morrin, Chairman of the Library Trustees Lois Lane, and Richard Gilman. The goal is to raise \$250,000 to provide furnishings and equipment for the new addition not fundable under the State Grant Program.

### ***Water Supply Expansion***

The Towns of Danvers and Middleton are working together to locate and develop additional water supply. The shortages and water bans experienced through last summer and fall were caused by more than the drought conditions experienced through the northeast. The overall supply of the two-town system is quickly reaching its limits. The withdrawal of further water from the Ipswich River Watershed is highly regulated by the State Department of Environmental Protection. The purchase of additional supply from nearby systems is not generally approved as it was routinely in the past.

The Towns have implemented an aggressive conservation program to reduce consumption wherever possible.

A Danvers and Middleton Water Study Task Force is guiding the investigation process for the additional water supply. The hydrogeologic investigation is centering on five areas that look most promising for the development and use of new deep groundwater wells. These are located primarily in the northeastern quadrant of the Town. The Town of Danvers has mailed requests for survey to landowners in the favorable development zones.



### OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

The Board of Selectmen held and attended bi-weekly meetings to approve the weekly bills, resolve citizen complaints, conduct license and permit hearings, and review and formulate the municipal budget and all policy matters. In addition, joint meetings were held with the Finance Committee, both School Committees, Master Plan and Growth Committee, Conservation Commission, Board of Health, Traffic and Sidewalk Safety Committee, Library and Fire Building Committee, and Solid Waste Advisory Committee to work on issues of mutual concern and interest.

The Selectmen adopted strict cross connection control regulations to prevent contamination of the public water supply from industrial and commercial connections.

Representatives of the Selectmen attended meetings of and participated in the Water Advisory Committee, Cable Advisory Committee, Essex County Selectmen's Association, Masconomet School Building Committee, Danvers State Hospital Task Force, Fire Station and Library Study Committee, and Jail Liaison Committee, and Traffic and Sidewalk Safety Committee.

In addition to the above, some of the most time consuming and noteworthy activities of the Board of Selectmen and the Town Administrator during the year included:

- ☐ Held numerous special meetings to review the Fiscal Year 1999 Budget and Capital Improvement Plan, including two Saturday sessions to closely examine operating budgets.
- ☐ Administered the seventh year of an Essex Home Consortium Grant of federal funds. This program awards loans to low and moderate income homeowners to make life safety code repairs to their properties.
- ☐ Attended various meetings of the Essex County Selectmen's Association. The interaction with area Selectmen allows Board members to compare neighboring community services and policies.
- ☐ Met with State Representative Brian Cresta and State Senator Bruce Tarr to support legislation in the best interest of the Town. Among the needs and issues discussed were the disposition of the Colony lot at Danvers State Hospital, the resumption of stalled federal and state highway improvement grants for reconstruction projects on Maple and North Main Street streets, and the renewal of the State's Library Construction Grant Program.
- ☐ Negotiated collective bargaining contracts for labor unions striking a balance between paying Middleton's hardworking and productive employees fair and affordable wages, and not burdening taxpayers with excessive settlement costs.
- ☐ Met with East Street neighbors and Michael Leon, Superior Court appointed Receiver of the Rubchinuk Landfill, to hear plans for closure and capping.
- ☐ Maintained a bond rating of "AA" from Wall Street's Moody's Investors Rating Service.
- ☐ Examined the possibility of constructing athletic fields on nine acres of town property (The Hocter Park parcel behind Fuller Pond condominiums, Brigadoon and Old Haswell Park Road) designated for parks and recreation purposes. A



feasibility study was completed by a professional landscape architect, which in consultation with the Conservation Commission, concluded that the Hocter Park property was suitable only for passive recreational activities like walking paths and nature trails.

- ☐ Worked closely with the Cable Advisory Committee to provide Middleton consumers with state of the art cable services, a new highly automated studio for various public, educational and governmental programming located at the Fuller Meadow School and a greater variety of local board cable casts. Through the efforts of Cable Committee Chairman Al Longo, Middleton residents are treated regularly to broadcasts of the Planning Board; Board of Appeals, and other Town board meetings.
- ☐ Continued the process for a second possible Cable Television License to be granted to RCN Corporation.
- ☐ Received and administered a \$35,000 State Planning Grant to fund a large portion of the Town's updated Master Plan.
- ☐ Planned and began the implementation of the Y-2K conversion of the Town's financial computer system including payroll, general ledger, tax receivables, and other software applications. Also examined the remaining Y-2K non-compliance issues to minimize disruptions to public buildings and services.
- ☐ Appointed a Sidewalk and Traffic Safety Study Committee to make recommendations regarding the most appropriate streets to consider for construction of new sidewalks and to refer matters of traffic safety for further study and recommendations.
- ☐ Worked with and encouraged the Coach Company (a private regional bus carrier from Haverhill) to provide commuter service to Boston from Middleton with service to begin in March of 2000.

- ☐ Authorized and guided the construction of the first phase of a 5,000 square foot addition of the DPW Garage using North Shore Vocational School labor and assistance.

- ☐ Met with the North Shore Regional Vocational Technical School Committee Building Committee to dissuade the School from expanding in Middleton without considering consolidation of the "Voke" with the "Essex Aggie" at the Danvers campus.

As I begin my nineteenth year as Town Administrator, I extend my sincere thanks and deep appreciation to the Board of Selectmen, my Administrative Secretary Donna Innis, department heads, employees, committee chairpersons, and residents of Middleton for their support, advice, ideas and good guidance.

During the last four months of calendar year 1999, the Town received a number of resignations due to retirement or job relocation. These included the positions of Town Counsel, (Jerome Segal- 30 years) Public Works Director, (Dennis Roy -12 years) Library Director, (Michele Mals) and Director of the Council on Aging, (Lindsey Snavelly). These department heads capably served Middleton residents, and their experience and expertise will be greatly missed.

It continues to be a pleasure to work with the many Middleton people who unselfishly contribute so much to the well being of this outstanding community.

Ira S. Singer  
Town Administrator

Board of Selectmen

Nancy M. Jones, Chair  
Richard W. Kassiotis  
William R. Mugford  
Mary Jane Morrin,  
Joseph E. Pascucci



# STATE PRIMARY ELECTION

SEPTEMBER 15, 1998

The Polls were opened at 7:00 a.m. by Warden Sandra Pollock and remained open until 8:00 p.m. There were 3,848 registered voters at the close of registration before the election, and 968 votes were cast (a 25% turnout). 493 Republican ballots were cast, and 474 Democratic ballots. The results were as follows:

## REPUBLICAN PRIMARY

### *Governor*

Argeo Paul Cellucci	252
Joseph D. Malone	216
Blanks	25

### *Lieutenant Governor*

Janet E. Jeghelian	189
Jane Maria Swift	248
All Others	1
Blanks	55

### *Attorney General*

Brad Bailey	338
Blanks	155

### *Secretary of State*

Dale C. Jenkins, Jr.	329
Blanks	164

### *Treasurer*

Robert A. Maginn	314
Blanks	179

### *Auditor*

Michael T. Duffy	312
Blanks	181

### *Representative in Congress*

Paul McCarthy	160
Peter G. Torkildsen	308
Blanks	25

### *Councillor*

Blanks	493
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### *Senator in General Court*

Bruce E. Tarr	369
Blanks	124

### *Representative in General Court*

Brian M. Cresta	371
Blanks	122

### *District Attorney*

Blanks	493
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### *Sheriff*

Frank G. Cousins, Jr.	363
Charles J. Chisholm	39
Theodore F. Harvey	51
All Others	1
Blanks	39

### *County Commissioner*

Timothy F. Sullivan	322
Blanks	171

## DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY

<i>Governor</i>		<i>Councillor</i>	
Brian J. Donnelly	45	Patricia A. Dowling	117
Scott Harshbarger	236	Michael K. Callahan	27
Patricia McGovern	175	Christopher T. Casey	42
Blanks	18	Mary-Ellen Manning	154
		John F. McCarthy	51
		Blanks	83
<i>Lieutenant Governor</i>		<i>Senator in General Court</i>	
Dorothy A. Kelly Gay	199	Blanks	474
Warren E. Tolman	203		
All Others	1	<i>Representative in General Court</i>	
Blanks	71	Blanks	474
<i>Attorney General</i>		<i>District Attorney</i>	
Lois G. Pines	226	Kevin M. Burke	356
Thomas F. Reilly	227	Blanks	118
Blanks	21		
<i>Secretary of State</i>		<i>Sheriff</i>	
William Francis Galvin	351	Neil J. Harrington	145
All Others	1	John J. Harty	48
Blanks	122	Michael T. Phelan	141
<i>Treasurer</i>		Tex Teixeira	31
Shannon P. O'Brien	338	Blanks	109
Blanks	136		
<i>Auditor</i>		<i>County Commissioner</i>	
A. Joseph DeNucci	341	Christie Chris Ciampa, Jr.	220
All Others	2	James P. Mahoney	134
Blanks	131	Blanks	120
<i>Representative in Congress</i>			
John F. Tierney	381		
David A. Francoeur	61		
Blanks	32		



# STATE ELECTION

NOVEMBER 3, 1998

The Polls were opened at 7:00 a.m. by Warden Sandra Pollock and remained open until 8:00 p.m. There were 3,895 registered voters at the close of registration before the election, and 2,372 ballots were cast (a 61% turnout). The results were as follows:

## ***Governor and Lieutenant Governor***

Cellucci and Swift	1394
Harshbarger and Tolman	895
Cook and Israel	47
All Others	2
Blanks	34

## ***Attorney General***

Brad Bailey	917
Thomas F. Reilly	1313
All Others	1
Blanks	141

## ***Secretary of State***

William Francis Galvin	1196
Dale C. Jenkins, Jr.	951
David L. Atkinson	79
Blanks	146

## ***Treasurer***

Bob Maginn	1003
Shannon P. O'Brien	1148
Merton B. Baker	59
Blanks	162

## ***Auditor***

A. Joseph DeNucci	1297
Michael T. Duffy	774
Carla A. Howell	140
Blanks	161

## ***Representative in Congress***

John F. Tierney	1059
Peter G. Torkildsen	1174
Raldal C. Fritz	88
All Others	1
Blanks	50

## ***Councillor***

Patricia A. Dowling	1556
All Others	13
Blanks	803

## ***Senator in General Court***

Bruce E. Tarr	1712
All Others	5
Blanks	655

## ***Representative in General Court***

Brian M. Cresta	1690
All Others	5
Blanks	677

## ***District Attorney***

Kevin M. Burke	1679
All Others	10
Blanks	683

## ***Sheriff***

Frank G. Cousins, Jr.	1283
Michael T. Phelan	798
Bryan Dellolio	31
Kevin Leach	155
Blanks	105

## ***County Commissioner***

James P. Mahoney	860
Timothy F. Sullivan	1194
All Others	1
Blanks	317





**Question 1**

Proposed Amendment to the Constitution  
(Change method of determining legislative  
pay raises)

Yes	1465
No	704
Blanks	203

**Question 2**

Law Proposed by Initiative Petition (Change  
the laws governing public financing of  
campaigns)

Yes	1400
No	747
Blanks	225

**Question 3**

Law Proposed by an Initiative Petition  
(Reduce the state tax rate for interest and  
dividend income)

Yes	1863
No	308
Blanks	201

**Question 4**

Referendum on an Existing Law (Continue  
the new law changing the electric utility  
industry)

Yes	1517
No	607
Blanks	185



# TOWN OF MIDDLETON SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

NOVEMBER 17, 1998

On Tuesday, November 17, 1998 voters of the Town of Middleton met in the North Shore Technical High School Gymnasium. Before starting the business of the Meeting the Moderator asked for a moment of silence to reflect on our loss of four citizens, active in town government, who have passed away since our last meeting: Ed Richardson, a former Chief of Police; Bill Martin, Town Clerk for over twenty years; Dick Ajootian, Selectman, Assessor and member of just about every other board in Town over a long career; and Janette Colby, for many years the dispatcher for the Department of Public Works.

Moderator Henry Tragert called the meeting to order at 7:55 p.m., declaring that a quorum was present. (It was later shown that 103 voters were in attendance.) Town Clerk Sarah George read the Return of Service of the Warrant showing that the Meeting had been duly called and the Warrant posted in the usual five places by Constable Robert Aldenberg on November 2, 1998. The 13 articles of the Special Town Meeting were then disposed of as follows:

**Article 1:** To hear and act on Committee Reports.

Kosta Prentakis of the Master Plan and Growth Study Committee reported that the committee was successful in applying for a Municipal Incentive Grant of \$35,000 from the Department of Housing and Community Development. This reduces the cost of hiring a professional planning consultant to assist in updating the Master Plan from \$51,500 to \$16,500. After finalizing the Scope of Services, putting out a Request for Proposals, and interviewing several well-qualified firms, the committee hired Planners Collaborative.

They are now in the process of holding public forums to define the Town's goals for the next 10 to 20 years. It is the committee's intention to present to the May Annual Town Meeting all matters needing Town Meeting approval for the adoption and implementation of the Master Plan.

Judy Gallerie of the Masconomet School Building Committee reported that as a result of public input from surveys and a forum the architects proposed several new options. In the design selected the existing High School will become the Middle School, the existing Junior High School will be demolished and a new three-story High School will be built. The two schools will continue to share the core facilities of the field house, cafeteria, gymnasium and auditorium, but each school will have a separate library. By decreasing the footprint of the buildings this design enables the creation of a new track around the field house, two new ball fields and lots of parking. Educationally this plan is greatly superior to the earlier one. This plan will decrease maintenance costs because it will eliminate two acres of roof. Also the construction impact on the students will be minimized with this plan. The Masconomet School Committee plans to seek approval for construction funding in May, and if all goes as planned the new schools will be completed by August 2002.

Mary Jane Morrin of the Flint Library and Fire Station Feasibility Study Committee reported that since the May Town Meeting's approval of \$50,000 for this study requests for proposals for design services were issued in August and nine proposals were received. A designer selection committee was formed that has visited libraries representative of the architects' work, talked with members of the communities where the architects have worked, interviewed the finalists twice, and discussed the proposals at length. The challenge was to find a proposal that

addressed both the aesthetic design issues of the library and the unique structural engineering issues of the fire station. The architectural firm of Chiles, Bertman and Tseckares has been selected. They will work with the structural engineering firm of Sousa and True. Both firms are already hard at work. The committee plans a public forum on the preliminary designs for the library in January and expects to have its study wrapped up by March.

**Article 2:** On petition of the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$129,500 for the purpose of replacing the Town's outdated Financial Computer System and to make said system fully compliant with and operable in Fiscal Year 2000 and beyond by purchasing the following:

1. Software applications in Payroll, Personnel, General Ledger, Subsidiary (Revenue, Budget, and Expenditure) Ledgers, Tax Billing, Personal and Real Property Tax and Automobile Excise Tax Records and Receivables, Treasurer and Departmental Cash Receipts, and Municipal Tax Lien Certificates
2. Computer hardware and cabling
3. Operating system software
4. Training
5. System installation
6. Data and file conversion of existing financial computer system
7. Networking and links from the Financial Computer System's property data files to the Assessor's Property Valuation System



and to see if such funds will be raised by taxation; by transfer from available funds; by borrowing or by any combination thereof.

**Purpose of Article:** The purpose of Article 2 is to provide a Town Financial Computer System, which is Year 2000 compliant, and to purchase new software and hardware to replace the current 12-year-old system. This

system is being replaced in order to insure reliable support of the hardware and software and establish the full integration of all financial records and connections between all Town departments for payroll and personnel records, accounts payable, and cash receipts. The Town's current financial application software is obsolete and Fiscal Year 2000 non-compliant and the current software provider has withdrawn its support from the Town.

The system is also being replaced in order to process with maximum efficiency the increasing number of financial records in our growing community. The new system will be expandable and will be able to be up-graded as processing and automation needs change. The heart of the Town of Middleton's financial condition and strength (and ultimately its high bond rating) is directly related to the efficiency and capabilities of its automated financial record keeping systems. The adoption of this article is essential to maintaining Middleton's strong financial management system, and will help the Town obtain the lowest possible interest costs for long term debt over the next two decades.

*The Finance Committee recommended adoption of Article 2 with the funds to be taken from Free Cash. Robert Porteous of the Finance Committee, Robert Murphy, Town Accountant, Charles Newhall, Treasurer-Collector, and Ira Singer, Town Administrator all spoke in favor of this expenditure. When a voice vote was taken, the motion carried unanimously.*

**Article 3:** On petition of the Middleton School Committee to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$102,500 to pay Fiscal Year 1999 unfunded Special Education costs; and to see if such funds will be raised by taxation; by transfer from available funds; by borrowing or by any combination thereof.

*The Finance Committee made no recommendation on this article but deferred to the Middleton School Committee. Thomas Skinner of the School Committee withdrew the article from consideration at this time on the recommendation of the Finance Committee. The School Committee anticipates proposing it for consideration*

again in the spring when all unanticipated expenses for the fiscal year can be addressed at one time.

**Article 4:** On petition of the Middleton School Committee to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,700 to pay prior fiscal year expenses; and to see if such funds will be raised by taxation; by transfer from available funds; by borrowing or by any combination thereof.

*The Finance Committee recommended adoption of the article with the funds to come from Free Cash. Thomas Skinner of the School Committee explained the seven outstanding bills in detail and pointed out that a prior year's bills require a 4/5 vote to pass. Article 4 was adopted by a unanimous voice vote.*

**Article 5:** On petition of the Middleton School Committee to see if the Town will vote to rescind the vote taken on Article 8 of the May 12, 1998 Annual Town Meeting Warrant, and to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 to purchase classroom computers, monitors, and printers, and other technology equipment and software required to operate a computer-based development language arts program, and to see if such funds will be raised by taxation; by transfer from available funds; by borrowing or by any combination thereof.

*Robert Twombly of the Finance Committee recommended adoption of Article 5. He explained that this money has already been appropriated to lease the same equipment that we have since learned can be purchased for the same price. This is just changing the language of the appropriation from "lease" to "purchase." The Meeting voted to approve the change by a unanimous voice vote.*

**Article 6:** On petition of the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to accept Tyler Lane as a Town Street as laid out by the Board of Selectmen under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 82, Section 22, and in compliance with the Planning Board's Subdivision Rules and Regulations for new streets.

*The Finance Committee deferred to the Planning Board. David Leary of the Planning Board made a motion to adopt Tyler Lane as a Town Street subject to Town Counsel's approval of the deeds and certificates of title. The motion was seconded from the floor and carried unanimously.*

**Article 7:** On petition of the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to accept Thornton Circle as a Town Street as laid out by the Board of Selectmen under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 82, Section 22, and in compliance with the Planning Board's Subdivision Rules and Regulations for new streets.

*The Finance Committee deferred to the Planning Board. The Planning Board made a motion that Thornton Circle be accepted as a Town Street subject to Town Counsel's approving deeds and certificates of title. The motion was seconded from the floor and carried unanimously on a voice vote.*

**Article 8:** On petition of the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to accept Watkins Way as a Town Street as laid out by the Board of Selectmen under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 82, Section 22, and in compliance with the Planning Board's Subdivision Rules and Regulations for new streets.

*The Finance Committee deferred to the Planning Board. The Planning Board made a motion that Watkins Way be accepted as a Town Street subject to Town Counsel's approving deeds and certificates of title. The motion was seconded from the floor and carried unanimously on a voice vote.*

**Article 9:** On petition of the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to accept a portion of Old Haswell Park Road as a Town Street from Boston Street a distance of 1725 feet to Station 17+25 as shown on the "Definitive Subdivision Plan for Woodstone Estates by Hayes Engineers Inc., dated as revised on August 14, 1996," as laid out by the Board of Selectmen under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 82, Section 22, and in compliance with the Planning Board's Subdivision Rules and Regulations for new streets.



*The Finance Committee deferred to the Planning Board. The Planning Board made a motion that this portion of Old Haswell Park Road be accepted as a Town Street subject to Town Counsel's approving deeds and certificates of title. The motion was seconded from the floor and carried unanimously on a voice vote.*

**Article 10:** On petition of the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to accept Wallen Way as a Town Street as laid out by the Board of Selectmen under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 82, Section 22, and in compliance with the Planning Board's Subdivision Rules and Regulations for new streets.

*The Finance Committee deferred to the Planning Board. The Planning Board made a motion that Wallen Way be accepted as a Town Street subject to Town Counsel's approving deeds and certificates of title. The motion was seconded from the floor and carried unanimously on a voice vote.*

**Article 11:** On petition of the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to accept Silas Meriam Way as a Town Street as laid out by the Board of Selectmen under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 82, Section 22, and in compliance with the Planning Board's Subdivision Rules and Regulations for new streets.

*The Finance Committee deferred to the Planning Board. The Planning Board made a motion that Silas Meriam Way be accepted as a Town Street subject to Town Counsel's approving deeds and certificates of title. The motion was seconded from the floor and carried unanimously on a voice vote.*

**Article 12:** On petition of the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to accept Leary Lane as a Town Street as laid out by the Board of Selectmen under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 82, Section 22, and in compliance with the Planning Board's Subdivision Rules and Regulations for new streets.

*The Finance Committee deferred to the Planning Board. The Planning Board made a motion that Leary Lane be accepted as a Town Street subject to Town Counsel's approving deeds and certificates of title. The motion was seconded from the floor and carried unanimously on a voice vote.*

**Article 13:** On petition of the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to accept Galeucia Road as a Town Street as laid out by the Board of Selectmen under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 82, Section 22, and in compliance with the Planning Board's Subdivision Rules and Regulations for new streets.

*The Finance Committee deferred to the Planning Board. The Planning Board made a motion that Galeucia Road be accepted as a Town Street subject to Town Counsel's approving deeds and certificates of title. The motion was seconded from the floor. Susan Hayes, 10 Galeucia Road, expressed concern that the grass strip between the curb and the sidewalk does not drain properly and that once the street is accepted the Town would be responsible to correct this problem. Town Counsel confirmed that this would be the case, that the bond money could not be used once the street is accepted. Dennis Roy, Superintendent of the Department of Public Works, recommended that the Meeting accept Galeucia Road. When a voice vote was taken, the motion did not carry.*

A motion to dissolve the Meeting was made and seconded from the floor and carried at 9:05 p.m.

Attest, a true copy,

Sarah B. George  
Town Clerk

# TOWN OF MIDDLETON SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

May 11, 1999

On Tuesday, May 11, 1999 voters of the Town of Middleton met in the North Shore Technical High School Gymnasium. Moderator Henry Tragert called the Fiscal Year 1999 Special Town Meeting to order at 7:18 p.m. Town Clerk Sarah George read the Return of Service of the Warrant showing that the Meeting had been duly called and the Warrant posted in the usual places by Constable Robert Aldenberg on April 22, 1999. The Four articles of the Special Town Meeting were then disposed of as follows:

**Article 1:** On petition of the Masconomet Regional School Committee to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$29,832 for Middleton's share of the costs associated with purchasing and installing Year 2000 compliant software and hardware at Masconomet, or take any other action thereon; and to see if such funds will be raised by taxation; by transfer from available funds; by borrowing or by any combination thereof.

*The Finance Committee recommended adoption of Article 1 with the funds to be taken from taxation. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.*

**Article 2:** On petition of the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$13,000 to install air conditioning equipment in the Nathan Media Center at the Fuller Meadow School in order to provide a better working environment for the public meetings and hearings held in this room for the Selectmen, Board of Appeals, Planning Board, School Committee, Finance Committee, Board of Health, Conservation Commission and other Town boards throughout the summer and fall or take any other action thereon; and to see if such funds will be raised by taxation; by

transfer from available funds; by borrowing or by any combination thereof.

*The Finance Committee did not recommend the article but stated that if approved, the funding would be from Free Cash. The motion to adopt Article 2 was made by George Dow and seconded by Richard Kassiotis. Mr. Kassiotis spoke in favor of the article, which the Meeting voted to adopt.*

**Article 3:** On petition of the Middleton School Committee to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$135,000 to fund unbudgeted special education and school employee fringe benefit expenses incurred during Fiscal Year 1999, or take any other action thereon; and to see if such funds will be raised by taxation; by transfer from available funds; by borrowing or by any combination thereof.

*The Finance Committee recommended passage of Article 3 as written with the funds to come from Free Cash. The motion carried.*

**Article 4:** On petition of the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to accept Galeucia Road as a Town Street as laid out by the Board of Selectmen under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 82, Section 22, and in compliance with the Planning Board's Subdivision Rules and Regulations for new streets.

*The Finance Committee deferred to the Planning Board. The Planning Board recommended that the article be passed over until the next Special Town Meeting.*

*It was moved and seconded from the floor and voted unanimously to dissolve the Special Town Meeting.*



# TOWN OF MIDDLETON ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

MAY 11, 1999

Middleton Boy Scout Troop #19 led the Meeting in saluting the flag.

Before starting on the business of the Annual Town Meeting the Moderator expressed regret that since our last meeting we have had three notable townspeople pass away: Charles Clinch, manager of the Middleton Electric Light Department for many years and practically a life-long member of the Town's Fire Department; Bernice Sherwood, the State-Appointee to the Housing Authority for many years; and Paul Kilroy who was the Facilities Manager of the Light Department. Noting that all our lives have been touched by these people and that we will miss them, the Moderator asked for a moment of silence to reflect on our loss.

## **Article 1:** To hear and act on Committee Reports.

Kosta Prentakis, Chairman of the Master Plan and Growth Study Committee, reported that after two years of hard work the committee, with the assistance of Planners Collaborative of Boston, is ready to present its recommendations, the highlights of which are:

- ◆ a scheduled development by-law
- ◆ the creation of a Design Review Board to comment on commercial/industrial development
- ◆ rezoning measures designed to increase the non-residential tax base
- ◆ the creation of a new Master Plan Committee to champion the planning recommendations and to recommend adjustments as conditions change

He reported that the final draft of the Master Plan will be completed by June 30, 1999 and that the next phase of this project is discussion and debate on the final draft and a Town Meeting vote in late fall.

Mary Jane Morrin, Chairperson of the Library and Fire Station Feasibility Study Committee, reviewed the committee's work of the past year, culminating with the presentation of the preliminary designs for both facilities in March. These plans have been presented on cable TV and can be seen at the library.

To summarize a few of the many features included in the proposed design:

## **Fire Station**

- ◆ Two additional bays on Lake Street for quicker egress for the most frequently used equipment
- ◆ Extended bays at the ground level for storage of specialized trailers
- ◆ A maintenance bay on the ground level to enable the department to continue to save money by doing much of its own vehicle maintenance

## **Flint Public Library**

- ◆ A 15,000 square foot addition (quadrupling the size)
- ◆ A 125 seat community room
- ◆ A 4,000 square foot children's area
- ◆ Making the library entirely handicapped accessible

The projected cost of the improvements to the Fire Station is \$950,000. The combined renovation and addition to the library is estimated to be in the vicinity of \$5,000,000. These estimates are based on the assumption of going out to bid in June of 2000. An annual 5% increase in construction costs can be anticipated for every year we go beyond that date.

Ms. Morrin reported that the committee is seeking a grant from the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners, which could reimburse the Town for up to 38% of the costs of the library portion of this project. They are also looking into the availability of grant money to assist with the planning and extra expense of preserving the historical and architectural features of the Flint Public Library.



The committee is asking this Meeting to fund the next level of schematic plans for the library design which will put us in a better position to obtain the MBLC grant as well as give us a head start on the final design process when funding becomes available.

Ms. Momin also reported that the structural engineering firm of Souza, True & Partners, working with CBT Architects, has recommended that the replacement of the footings and columns which support the apparatus room floor of the fire station will be necessary no matter what the Town's plans for the building are. For this reason, the Committee is also recommending that this Town Meeting fund that project.

Nancy Jones gave a report on the efforts of the Bandstand Siting Committee, which was formed last November. This committee was prompted by the very generous gift from the Kiwanis Club to the Town of a bandstand in memory of Norm Nathan. The original list of possible sites—behind Memorial Hall, behind Howe-Manning School, and behind the Library—has now been expanded to ten possible sites.

The committee's criteria for site selection include:

- ◆ dignity and maximum usage
- ◆ suitability and desirability
- ◆ ability to be combined with the creation of a Town Common area behind Memorial Hall
- ◆ access
- ◆ environmental impact
- ◆ maintenance and prevention of vandalism
- ◆ avoidance of conflict with other uses

They have met jointly with the Open Space Committee and the Growth and Master Plan Study Committee and have had input from the Conservation Commission. The interim conclusion is that the committee still has a long way to go. An update or even a conclusion is hoped for by the next time that we meet.

**Article 2:** On petition of the Master Plan and Growth Study Committee and the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to authorize this Committee to continue until June 2000 to complete revisions to the Town's Master Plan.

*The Finance Committee recommended adoption of this article as written to continue its support of the Master Plan and Growth Study Committee's efforts to establish a plan to manage Middleton's quickly growing population. George Dow, representing the Planning Board, spoke in favor of passage of the article. The motion carried on a voice vote.*

**Article 3:** On petition of the Treasurer to see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time-to-time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning July 1, 1999 in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17.

*The Finance Committee recommended adoption of this article as written to allow the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow funds to meet the cash-flow needs of the Town with the anticipation of such funds being raised by the ensuing year's tax assessment.*

**Article 4:** On petition of the Treasurer / Collector to see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer to enter into compensating balance agreements for banking services as permitted by Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53F as amended.

*The Finance Committee recommended adoption of this article as written. This will enable the Treasurer to gain useful banking services by negotiating to maintain Town funds on deposit with a qualified banking institution. The motion carried.*

**Article 5:** On petition of the Council on Aging and the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 166 of the Acts of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts of 1998 entitled, " An Act Establishing a City or Town Aid To the Elderly and Disabled Taxpayer Fund." The following is the wording of the Act:

## Chapter 166 of the Acts of 1998

### AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CITY OR TOWN AID TO THE ELDERLY AND DISABLED TAXATION FUND.

Be it enacted by the State and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Chapter 60 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 3C, as appearing in the 1996 Official Edition, the following section:

Section 3D. A city or town which accepts the provisions of this section is hereby authorized, subject to the approval of the commissioner, to design and designate a place on its municipal tax bills, or the motor vehicle excise tax bills, or to mail with such tax bills a separate form, whereby the taxpayers of said city or town may voluntarily check off, donate and pledge an amount not less than \$1 or such other designated amount which shall increase the amount otherwise due, and to establish a city or town aid to the elderly and disabled taxation fund for the purpose of defraying the real estate taxes of elderly and disabled persons of low income.

Any amounts donated to said fund shall be deposited into a special account in the general treasury and shall be in the custody of the treasurer. The treasurer shall invest said funds at the direction of the officer, board, commission, committee or other agency of the city or town who or which is otherwise authorized and required to invest trust funds of the city or town and subject to the same limitations applicable to trust fund investments, except as otherwise specified herein. The fund, together with the interest earned thereon shall be used for the purpose specified in this section without further appropriation.



In any city or town establishing an aid to the elderly and disabled taxation fund, there shall be a taxation aid committee to consist of the chairman of the board of assessors, the city or town treasurer and three residents of the city or town to be appointed by the mayor or board of selectmen as the case may be. Said board shall adopt rules and regulations to carry out the provisions of this section and to identify the recipients of such aid.

*The Finance Committee recommended adoption of this article as written. Such funds will be raised by individual contributions at the discretion of each taxpayer. Selectperson Mary Jane Morrin spoke in favor of the article and urged generous contributions to the fund if it is adopted. The motion carried unanimously.*

**Article 6:** On petition of the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to determine what sums of money the Town will raise and appropriate for the ensuing twelve months. The following pages of the Town Operating Budget constitute the detail of this article.

*The Finance Committee recommended approval of article as written with the funds to be raised as follows:*

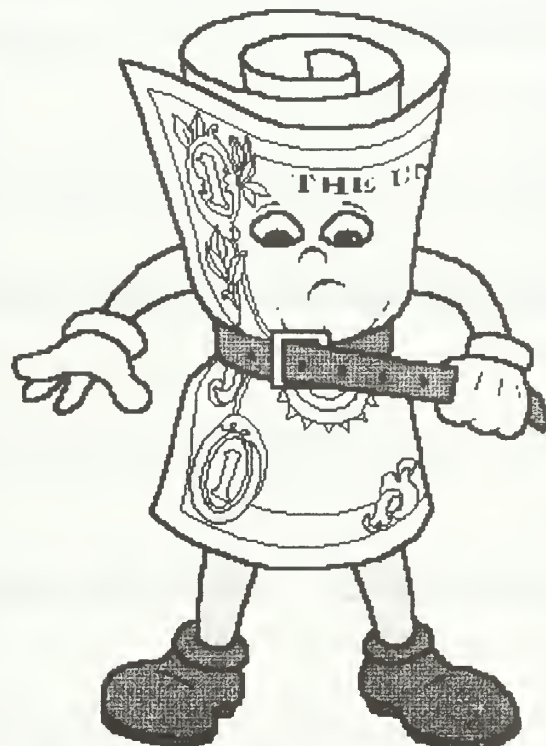
\$12,366,410	from taxation
5,000	from the Ferncroft Fund
16,500	from NSES Grants/Fees
10,000	from Fire Alarm Fees
60,000	from Ambulance Fund
160,000	from Water Receipts

**\$12,617,910 Total**

The Moderator drew the attention of the Meeting participants to the informational note on page eight (8): Informational Note:

*The Town Consolidated Personnel Compensation Plan is normally inserted into this portion of the Town Meeting Warrant. Since collective bargaining was not completed by the close of the warrant, the Personnel Compensation Plan will be placed on a Special Town Meeting in the fall.*

George Dow asked if this budget was based on current or increased rates of pay. Ira Singer, Town Administrator, explained that, except for a few increases due to steps and grades, current rates—those approved as of July 1, 1998—are used here.





**TOWN OF MIDDLETON  
OPERATING BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2000**

NUMBER		Approved FY '98	Approved FY '99	Department Request FY '00	Selectmen & Fin/Com FY '00 Recommend
<b>FUND: 01 GENERAL FUND</b>					
FUNCTION 100: GENERAL GOVERNMENT					
Department #114 TOWN MODERATOR					
5100	Personal Services	100	100	100	100
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL</b>		<b>\$100</b>	<b>\$100</b>	<b>\$100</b>	<b>\$100</b>
Department #122 SELECTMEN/ADMINISTRATOR					
5100	Personal Services	102,457	105,201	105,301	105,301
5200	Purchase of Services	17,150	17,150	17,150	17,150
5400	Purchase of Supplies	1,700	1,800	1,800	1,800
5700	Other Charges & Expenses	32,428	33,294	35,614	35,614
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL</b>		<b>\$153,735</b>	<b>\$157,445</b>	<b>\$159,865</b>	<b>\$159,865</b>
Department #131 FINANCE COMMITTEE					
5100	Personal Services	948	996	1,376	1,376
5200	Purchase of Services	115	115	115	115
5400	Purchase of Supplies	100	100	100	100
5700	Other Charges & Expenses	40,150	40,150	40,150	40,150
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL</b>		<b>\$41,313</b>	<b>\$41,361</b>	<b>\$41,741</b>	<b>\$41,741</b>
Department #135 TOWN ACCOUNTANT					
5100	Personal Services	55,066	59,377	59,677	59,677
5200	Purchase of Services	2,270	2,270	2,345	2,345
5400	Purchase of Supplies	600	600	600	600
5700	Other Charges & Expenses	225	245	245	245
5800	Capital Outlay	150	150	1,650	1,650
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL</b>		<b>\$58,311</b>	<b>\$62,642</b>	<b>\$64,517</b>	<b>\$64,517</b>
Department #141 ASSESSORS					
5100	Personal Services	72,379	74,308	74,524	74,524
5200	Purchase of Services	11,510	11,760	26,860	26,860
5400	Purchase of Supplies	1,550	1,550	1,550	1,550
5700	Other Charges & Expenses	2,300	2,825	3,000	3,000
5800	Capital Outlay			1,000	1,000
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL</b>		<b>\$87,739</b>	<b>\$90,443</b>	<b>\$106,934</b>	<b>\$106,934</b>

\* \$16,500 in funds normally raised in a warrant article transferred into operating budget for triennial revaluation expenses

NUMBER		Approved	Approved	Department	Selectmen &
FUND: 01 GENERAL FUND		FY '98	FY '99	Request	Fin/Com FY '00
				FY '00	Recommend

FUNCTION 100: GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Department #145 TREASURER/COLLECTOR

5100	Personal Services	93,907	97,261	102,235	102,235
5200	Purchase of Services	12,900	14,300	39,900	39,900
5400	Purchase of Supplies	3,000	3,250	3,400	3,400
5700	Other Charges & Expenses	425	425	625	625
5800	Capital Outlay	700	1,200	1,500	1,500

<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL</b>		<b>\$110,932</b>	<b>\$116,436</b>	<b>\$147,660</b>	<b>\$147,660</b>
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\* Under a new state regulation all tax title preparation and land court foreclosure expenses must now be included in this budget.  
\$30,000 in funds previously raised directly on the tax rate were inserted into this budget for FY 2000.

Department #146 CUSTODIAN OF TOWN LANDS

5100	Personal Services	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
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<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL</b>		<b>\$1,500</b>	<b>\$1,500</b>	<b>\$1,500</b>	<b>\$1,500</b>
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Department #151 TOWN COUNSEL

5100	Personal Services	12,200	12,566	13,000	13,000
5200	Purchase of Services	9,000	9,500	10,000	10,000

<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL</b>		<b>\$21,200</b>	<b>\$22,066</b>	<b>\$23,000</b>	<b>\$23,000</b>
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Department #152 PERSONNEL BOARD

5100	Personal Services	650	1,000	\$1,032	\$1,032
5200	Purchase of Services				
5400	Purchase of Supplies	80			
5700	Other Charges & Expenses	20			

<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL</b>		<b>\$750</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>	<b>\$1,032</b>	<b>\$1,032</b>
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Department #161 TOWN CLERK

5100	Personal Services	50,512	53,706	53,706	53,706
5200	Purchase of Services	2,200	2,200	2,230	2,230
5400	Purchase of Supplies	850	850	850	850
5700	Other Charges & Expenses	400	400	400	400
5800	Capital Outlay	0	0	1,500	1,500

<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL</b>		<b>\$53,962</b>	<b>\$57,156</b>	<b>\$58,686</b>	<b>\$58,686</b>
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Department #162 ELECTIONS/REGISTRATIONS

5100	Personal Services	5,455	8,515	6,960	6,960
5200	Purchase of Services	3,645	4,280	3,400	3,400
5400	Purchase of Supplies	350	550	450	450
5800	Capital Outlay	1,500	0	0	0

<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL</b>		<b>\$10,950</b>	<b>\$13,345</b>	<b>\$10,810</b>	<b>\$10,810</b>
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<b>FUND: 01 GENERAL FUND</b>					

**FUNCTION 100: GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

**Department #171 CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

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5100	Personal Services	2,940	3,125	15,662	15,662
5200	Purchase of Services	900	900	900	900
5400	Purchase of Supplies	200	300	300	300
5700	Other Charges & Expenses	450	450	450	450

<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL</b>		<b>\$4,490</b>	<b>\$4,775</b>	<b>\$17,312</b>	<b>\$17,312</b>
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1 Base budget now includes funds for Wetlands Agent previously funded in a warrant article

**Department #175 PLANNING BOARD**

5100	Personal Services	10,736	13,060	13,099	13,099
5200	Purchase of Services	2,350	2,600	2,600	2,600
5400	Purchase of Supplies	500	500	500	500
5700	Other Charges & Expenses	915	915	915	915

<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL</b>		<b>\$14,501</b>	<b>\$17,075</b>	<b>\$17,114</b>	<b>\$17,114</b>
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**Department #176 BOARD OF APPEALS**

5100	Personal Services	8,070	10,315	10,351	10,351
5200	Purchase of Services	2,800	3,400	3,400	3,400
5400	Purchase of Supplies	200	200	200	200
5700	Other Charges & Expenses	60	60	60	60

<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL</b>		<b>\$11,130</b>	<b>\$13,975</b>	<b>\$14,011</b>	<b>\$14,011</b>
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**Department #181 INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT**

5200	Purchase of Services	100	100	100	100
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<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL</b>		<b>\$100</b>	<b>\$100</b>	<b>\$100</b>	<b>\$100</b>
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**Department #192 TOWN BUILDINGS**

5100	Personal Services	4,600	4,900	0	0
5200	Purchase of Services	25,950	25,950	32,150	32,150
5400	Purchase of Supplies	6,100	6,100	6,100	6,100
5800	Capital Outlay	600	600	600	600

<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL</b>		<b>\$37,250</b>	<b>\$37,550</b>	<b>\$38,850</b>	<b>\$38,850</b>
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<b>TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>					
<b>FUNCTION 100</b>		<b>\$607,963</b>	<b>\$636,969</b>	<b>\$703,232</b>	<b>\$703,232</b>



NUMBER		Approved	Approved	Department	Selectmen &
FUND: 01 GENERAL FUND		FY '98	FY '99	Request	Fin/Com FY '00
				FY '00	Recommend

FUNCTION: 200 PUBLIC SAFETY

Department #210 POLICE DEPARTMENT

5100	Personal Services	630,418	641,711	658,291	658,291
5200	Purchase of Services	50,700	55,061	60,545	60,545
5400	Purchase of Supplies	19,585	21,091	23,741	23,741
5700	Other Charges & Expenses	17,085	17,285	17,285	17,285
5800	Capital Outlay	32,000	44,400	46,400	46,400

<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL</b>		<b>\$749,788</b>	<b>\$779,548</b>	<b>\$806,262</b>	<b>\$806,262</b>
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Department #220 FIRE DEPARTMENT

5100	Personal Services	633,253	672,481	713,682	713,682
5200	Purchase of Services	31,900	33,900	35,200	35,200
5400	Purchase of Supplies	23,150	23,900	24,650	24,650
5700	Other Charges & Expenses	4,650	5,100	5,300	5,300
5800	Capital Outlay	6,500	6,500	8,000	8,000

<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL</b>		<b>\$699,453</b>	<b>\$741,881</b>	<b>\$786,832</b>	<b>\$786,832</b>
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1 Base personnel services budget now includes funds for additional day firefighter approved last year.

Department #241 INSPECTIONS DEPARTMENT

5100	Personal Services	62,549	68,908	81,068	81,068
5200	Purchase of Services	2,439	2,540	3,300	3,300
5400	Purchase of Supplies	500	500	750	750
5700	Other Charges & Expenses	6,750	7,150	7,150	7,150
5800	Capital Outlay	850		1,500	1,500

<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL</b>		<b>\$73,088</b>	<b>\$79,098</b>	<b>\$93,768</b>	<b>\$93,768</b>
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1 Base budget now includes funds for alternate building inspector previously funded by a warrant article

Department #291 CIVIL EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

5200	Purchase of Services	100	100	100	100
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<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL</b>		<b>\$100</b>	<b>\$100</b>	<b>\$100</b>	<b>\$100</b>
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Department #292 ANIMAL CONTROL

5100	Personal Services	11,878	12,235	12,235	12,235
5200	Purchase of Services	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000
5400	Purchase of Supplies	725	725	725	725
5700	Other Charges & Expenses	1,800	2,000	2,000	2,000

<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL</b>		<b>\$18,403</b>	<b>\$18,960</b>	<b>\$18,960</b>	<b>\$18,960</b>
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Department #296 TOWN CONSTABLE

5100	Personal Services	100	100	100	100
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<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL</b>		<b>\$100</b>	<b>\$100</b>	<b>\$100</b>	<b>\$100</b>
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<b>TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY</b>					
<b>FUNCTION 200</b>		<b>\$1,540,932</b>	<b>\$1,619,687</b>	<b>\$1,706,022</b>	<b>\$1,706,022</b>



NUMBER		Approved	Approved	Department	Selectmen &
FUND: 01 GENERAL FUND		FY '98	FY '99	Request	Fin/Com FY '00
				FY '00	Recommend

FUNCTION 300: EDUCATION

Department #301 SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

5100	Personal Services	2,149,712	2,376,112	2,742,986	2,742,986
5200	Purchase of Services	500,490	559,471	630,735	630,735
5400	Purchase of Supplies	127,708	145,776	136,866	136,866
5700	Other Charges & Expenses	204,651	213,869	338,235	338,235

<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL</b>		<b>\$2,982,561</b>	<b>\$3,295,228</b>	<b>\$3,848,822</b>	<b>\$3,848,822</b>
(informational only) add funds from override in warrant article				<b>\$225,000</b>	<b>\$225,000</b>
Total Elementary School Budget Requested				<b>\$4,073,822</b>	<b>\$4,073,822</b>

Department #301 NORTH SHORE REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

5600	Intergovernmental	164,213	189,110	136,973	136,973
	Payments (Middleton's Assessment)				

<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL</b>		<b>\$164,213</b>	<b>\$189,110</b>	<b>\$136,973</b>	<b>\$136,973</b>
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Department #302 MASCONOMET SCHOOL DISTRICT

5600	Intergovernmental	2,259,653	2,526,215	2,784,466	2,784,466
	Payments (Middleton's Assessment)				
5900	Masconomet Building Debt Serv.	0	534,711	549,291	549,291

<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL</b>		<b>\$2,259,653</b>	<b>\$3,060,926</b>	<b>\$3,333,757</b>	<b>\$3,333,757</b>
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<b>TOTAL SCHOOL DEPARTMENT</b>					
<b>FUNCTION: 300</b>		<b>\$5,406,427</b>	<b>\$6,545,264</b>	<b>\$7,319,552</b>	<b>\$7,319,552</b>

FUNCTION 400: PUBLIC WORKS & FACILITIES

Department #420 PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

5100	Personal Services	402,121	422,189	427,392	427,392
5200	Purchase of Services	81,950	87,450	87,950	87,950
5400	Purchase of Supplies	137,450	137,250	142,490	142,490
5700	Other Charges & Expenses	27,300	27,350	29,350	29,350
5800	Capital Outlay	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000

<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL</b>		<b>\$698,821</b>	<b>\$724,239</b>	<b>\$737,182</b>	<b>\$737,182</b>
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Department #425 TRANSFER STATION/SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT

5100	Personal Services	0	0	0	0
5200	Purchase of Services	112,200	111,800	117,700	117,700
5400	Purchase of Supplies	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000
5700	Other Charges & Expenses	18,500	13,500	28,475	28,475
5800	Capital Outlay				

<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL</b>		<b>\$137,700</b>	<b>\$132,300</b>	<b>\$153,175</b>	<b>\$153,175</b>
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<b>TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS</b>					
<b>FUNCTION 400</b>		<b>\$836,521</b>	<b>\$856,539</b>	<b>\$890,357</b>	<b>\$890,357</b>

NUMBER		Approved	Approved	Department	Selectmen &
FUND: 01 GENERAL FUND		FY '98	FY '99	Request	Fin/Com FY '00
				FY '00	Recommend

FUNCTION 500: HUMAN SERVICES

Department #511 BOARD OF HEALTH

5100	Personal Services	60,933	62,717	62,928	62,928
5200	Purchase of Services	14,700	14,800	16,800	16,800
5400	Purchase of Supplies	900	900	900	900
5700	Other Charges & Expenses	4,200	4,200	4,200	4,200

<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL</b>		<b>\$60,733</b>	<b>\$82,617</b>	<b>\$84,828</b>	<b>\$84,828</b>
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Department #541 COUNCIL ON AGING

5100	Personal Services	50,266	52,244	55,694	55,694
5200	Purchase of Services	4,360	4,750	5,850	5,850
5400	Purchase of Supplies	2,020	2,120	2,120	2,120
5700	Other Charges & Expenses	4,200	4,200	4,200	4,200
5800	Capital Outlay	1,000	1,500	1,500	1,500

<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL</b>		<b>\$61,846</b>	<b>\$64,814</b>	<b>\$69,364</b>	<b>\$69,364</b>
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Department #543 VETERANS' AGENT

5100	Personal Services	7,120	7,334	7,334	7,334
5200	Purchase of Services	105	105	105	105
5400	Purchase of Supplies	170	170	170	170
5700	Other Charges & Expenses	6,550	6,550	6,550	6,550

<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL</b>		<b>\$13,945</b>	<b>\$14,159</b>	<b>\$14,159</b>	<b>\$14,159</b>
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Department #545 TRI-TOWN COUNCIL

5200	Purchase of Services	17,910	18,500	19,055	19,055
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<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL</b>		<b>\$17,910</b>	<b>\$18,500</b>	<b>\$19,055</b>	<b>\$19,055</b>
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Department #546 HELP FOR ABUSED WOMEN

5200	Purchase of Services	1,500	1,500	2,000	2,000
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<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL</b>		<b>\$1,500</b>	<b>\$1,500</b>	<b>\$2,000</b>	<b>\$2,000</b>
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Department #548 MIDDLETON GARDEN CLUB

5200	Purchase of Services	1,700	1,800	1,900	1,900
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<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL</b>		<b>\$1,700</b>	<b>\$1,800</b>	<b>\$1,900</b>	<b>\$1,900</b>
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Department #549 LOCAL CABLE BROADCASTS

5200	Purchase of Services	2,575	2,650	2,750	2,750
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<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL</b>		<b>\$2,575</b>	<b>\$2,650</b>	<b>\$2,750</b>	<b>\$2,750</b>
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NUMBER		Approved FY '98	Approved FY '99	Department Request FY '00	Selectmen & Fin/Com FY '00 Recommend
<b>FUND: 01 GENERAL FUND</b>					

FUNCTION 500: HUMAN SERVICES

Department #550 NORTH SHORE TRANSPORTATION TASK FORCE

5200	Purchase of Services	500	500	0	0
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL</b>		<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES FUNCTION 500</b>		<b>\$180,709</b>	<b>\$186,540</b>	<b>\$194,058</b>	<b>\$194,058</b>
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FUNCTION 600: CULTURE & RECREATION

Department #610 FLINT PUBLIC LIBRARY

5100	Personal Services	148,694	154,320	160,992	160,992
5200	Purchase of Services	15,000	15,500	18,200	18,200
5400	Purchase of Supplies	45,200	47,200	50,200	50,200
5700	Other Charges & Expenses	700	700	700	700
5800	Capital Outlay	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL</b>		<b>\$211,094</b>	<b>\$219,220</b>	<b>\$231,592</b>	<b>\$231,592</b>

Department #630 RECREATION COMMISSION

5100	Personal Services	5,926	6,103	6,928	6,928
5200	Purchase of Services	5,850	7,050	8,505	8,505
5400	Purchase of Supplies	900	950	1,350	1,350
5700	Other Charges & Expenses	4,825	5,025	8,150	8,150
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL</b>		<b>\$17,501</b>	<b>\$19,128</b>	<b>\$24,933</b>	<b>\$24,933</b>

Department #691 HISTORICAL COMMISSION

5200	Purchase of Services	300	300	300	300
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL</b>		<b>\$300</b>	<b>\$300</b>	<b>\$300</b>	<b>\$300</b>

<b>TOTAL CULTURE &amp; RECREATION FUNCTION 600</b>		<b>\$228,895</b>	<b>\$238,648</b>	<b>\$256,825</b>	<b>\$256,825</b>
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FUNCTION 700: DEBT SERVICE

Department #710 DEBT SERVICE

5801	Principal	280,000	485,000	490,000	490,000
5915	Interest	507,365	408,790	380,914	380,914
<b>TOTAL DEBT SERVICE FUNCTION 700</b>		<b>\$787,365</b>	<b>\$893,790</b>	<b>\$870,914</b>	<b>\$870,914</b>

NUMBER		Approved FY '98	Approved FY '99	Department Request FY '00	Selectmen & Fin/Com FY '00 Recommend
<b>FUND: 01 GENERAL FUND</b>					

**FUNCTION: UNCLASSIFIED**

**Department: MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

195	Town Report	12,500	13,000	13,500	13,500
196	Audit	11,000	11,000	11,000	11,000
197	Xmas Lights	350	400	400	400
199	Street Lights	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
692	Memorial Day	3,000	3,100	4,500	4,500
911	Retirement	286,000	307,000	365,000	365,000
913	Unemployment	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000
914	Sick Leave	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
914	Health Insurance	185,000	194,000	212,000	212,000
915	Group Insurance	3,500	3,500	3,600	3,600
916	Medicare Payroll Tax	20,000	26,000	27,000	27,000
945	Liability & Work Comp. Insurance	86,500	67,500	72,000	72,000

<b>TOTAL UNCLASSIFIED</b>	<b>\$665,850</b>	<b>\$683,500</b>	<b>\$767,000</b>	<b>\$767,000</b>
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<b>TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET GENERAL FUND 01</b>	<b>\$10,254,662</b>	<b>\$11,660,937</b>	<b>\$12,707,958</b>	<b>\$12,707,958</b>
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**FUNCTION 400: WATER SPECIAL REVENUE**

**Department #451 WATER DEPARTMENT**

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5100	Personal Services	32,602	36,430	41,245	41,245
5200	Purchase of Services	750	1,000	1,250	1,250
5400	Purchase of Supplies	20,000	20,000	23,000	23,000
5700	Other Charges & Expenses	500	600	600	600
5800	Capital Outlay	0	1,500	0	0
5900	Debt Service	65,070	71,102	68,857	68,857

<b>TOTAL WATER FUND 28 OPERATING BUDGET</b>	<b>\$118,922</b>	<b>\$130,632</b>	<b>\$134,952</b>	<b>\$134,952</b>
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<b>GRAND TOTAL GENERAL FUND 01 &amp; WATER FUND 28 BUDGETS</b>	<b>\$10,373,584</b>	<b>\$11,791,569</b>	<b>\$12,842,910</b>	<b>\$12,842,910</b>
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Leo Lemieux questioned the increases in the Treasurer/Collector's budget for purchase of services. It was explained by Treasurer/Collector Newhall and Ira Singer that under a new state regulation all tax title preparation and land court foreclosure expenses must now be included in this budget. \$30,000 in funds previously raised directly on the tax rate was inserted into this budget for Fiscal Year 2000.

Leo Lemieux questioned the total increase in the General government budget. Ira Singer explained that the previously explained tax title expense was one part of the total increase, another is \$12,500 in the Conservation Commission budget which in previous years was funded by a warrant article, and the rest of the increase is due to increases in the cost of goods and services due to inflation.

Mr. Lemieux also questioned the increase in the Police Department budget. Mr. Singer explained that this \$12,000 represents step increases as employees move up in longevity, training, and education.

Andrew Bouchard inquired why the Board of Health Purchase of Services line item is up \$2,000. Ira Singer explained that it is due to an increased need for advisory engineering services for septic systems.

When asked about the debt service line item, Ira Singer explained that as shown on page 5, the bulk of our debt service is due to the construction and improvements at Fuller Meadow School, the remaining debt service on the Howe-Manning School renovation, and the capping of the landfill and construction of the Transfer Station. Also included elsewhere in the budget is the anticipated debt service for the Masconomet building project.

When it came time for a vote on the Operating Budget, the Meeting voted to appropriate \$12,617,910 for the grand total of the General Fund and the Water Fund Operating Budgets.

**Article 7:** On petition of the Middleton School Committee to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$225,000 to add to the amount approved in the Fiscal Year 2000 Elementary School Budget for: five full-time existing teachers, one and one-half new enrollment-driven teachers, part-time support staff, upgrading an assistant principal to principal and instructional materials for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1999, provided that said approval shall be contingent upon the passage of a Proposition 2 1/2 operating budget referendum under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59, Section 21C, and to see if such funds will be raised by taxation.

*The Finance Committee recommended adoption of this article as written. "The Finance Committee supports the full Middleton Elementary School Budget for Fiscal Year 2000 of \$3,848,822."*

*"This article represents forty-one percent of the total increase being sought by the School Committee. The Finance Committee recognizes that the adoption of this article is essential to the maintenance of the current level of elementary school services. Four hundred eighty-three thousand eight hundred fifty-four dollars (\$483,854) of the Elementary School Budget increase (eighty-seven percent of the increase) are a direct result of uncontrollable costs that are driven by state-mandated educational programs and minimum spending requirements, contractual obligations and increased health care costs."*

*"Regardless of the outcome of the voting on this article, the School Committee is required to fund these costs. The remaining sixty-nine thousand seven hundred forty dollars (\$69,740) of the increase (thirteen percent of the increase) will go toward addressing increased enrollment issues and all other expenses of operating the Elementary Schools. The \$225,000 override will be raised by Taxation contingent upon the passage of a Proposition 21/2 Debt Exclusion Referendum."*

Leo Lemieux spoke against the article. Michelle Fitzpatrick, Principal of the Elementary Schools spoke in favor. Bernie Creedon, Assistant Superintendent of the Tri-Town Union, and Paul Woodbury, of the Elementary School Committee, also spoke in favor. George Dow questioned the need for an override.

Andrew Cote, Mary Jane Morrin, Selectperson, Gimmie Sue Valacer of the Middleton School Committee, and Richard Kassiotis, Selectman, all spoke in favor of the article and the override.

Tracy Tinkham recommended greater fiscal restraint in all budgets so that an override would not be necessary. Mary Jane Morrin stated that many of the school's increases were due to increased requirements by the state that are beyond the Town's control and she spoke in favor. Gimmie Sue Valacer of the Middleton School Committee spoke in favor, as did Richard Kassiotis, Selectman. Larry Dodge asked questions answered by Dr. Creedon. Al Longo spoke in favor.

*The Finance Committee reminded the Meeting that the funding source for this article is taxation, contingent upon a Proposition 2 1/2 Operating Budget referendum. When the vote was taken, the motion carried.*

**Article 8:** On petition of the Middleton School Committee and the Superintendent of Schools to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$13,700 to purchase additional classroom work stations (software and hardware) for reading and other educational programs at the Howe-Manning and Fuller Meadow Schools, and to see if such funds will be raised by taxation; by transfer from available funds; by borrowing or by any combination thereof.

*The Finance Committee did not recommend adoption of this article, based on the Middleton Elementary School Committee's current year technology purchases. Gimmie Sue Valacer of the Middleton School Committee withdrew the article.*

The Moderator announced the 1999 Thomas C. Passios Outstanding Principal Award had been awarded to Middleton Elementary School Principal Michelle Fitzpatrick. The Meeting responded with enthusiastic applause, and Principal Fitzpatrick gave a brief "thank-you" speech.

**Article 9:** On petition of the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to amend Section 2 of the Zoning Bylaw - "Definitions"- by adding, after the definition of "Family", the following definition:

Family Accessory Living Area - A dwelling unit located within a single family dwelling which is subordinate in size to the main dwelling unit. Any such unit is to be used for residential purposes only and is not to be occupied by more than two (2) adults.

*The Finance Committee deferred to the Planning Board. David Leary, Chairman, speaking for the Planning Board recommended the article, which was seconded from the floor.*

Robert Aldenberg, Zoning Enforcement Officer, on the recommendation of Town Counsel made a motion to amend Article 9 to read:

On petition of the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to amend Section 2 of the Zoning Bylaw - "Definitions"- by adding after the definition of "Family"

Family Accessory Living Area - A single family dwelling which is subordinate in size to the main dwelling unit and which unit is used for residential purposes only.

*The Amendment was seconded from the floor. After a brief discussion the amendment carried.*

*The vote on the amended main motion was taken by a showing of cards, and the vote was: Yes--179; No--68. A 2/3 majority being attained, the motion as amended carried.*

**Article 10:** On petition of the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to amend section 4.1-use regulations as contained in the zoning bylaw by adding the following section:

4.1.2.K. - Family Accessory Living Areas

4.1.2.K.1. - Purpose

The purpose of allowing Family Accessory Living Areas in the Town is to provide a means of alternative housing for family members, not permanent housing, nor rental units, but temporary housing to deal with family situations.

It is further intended to create housing alternatives for elderly people or other family members wishing to stay in their homes, and receive the help they need from other family members.

It is further intended to encourage a diverse population with a particular focus on young adults and senior citizens, while preserving the character of the single-family neighborhoods. It enables the Town to establish parking, size and family member occupancy guidelines for the use of Family Accessory Living Areas.

4.1.2.K.2. - Requirements For Family Accessory Living Areas

After a special permit has been granted by the Board of Appeals, the Inspector of Buildings shall issue a building permit for a Family Accessory Living Area in any detached single family dwelling, provided that each of the following conditions and requirements are met:

- a. The owner of the dwelling shall reside in the Accessory Living Area or in the principal dwelling, except for bona fide temporary absences. During the owners absence a third party shall not occupy the owners unit.
- b. The owner of the dwelling shall certify that the Accessory Living Area is to be occupied by a family member. Family members shall be limited to brothers,

sisters, parents, grandparents, grandchildren, and/or adult children.

- c. No more than one Accessory Living Area shall be located upon a single lot.
- d. The Accessory Living Area shall not exceed 800-sq. ft. or 25% of the area of the principal dwelling whichever is the lesser.
- e. Any exterior change to the dwelling for an accessory Living area shall be constructed in such a manner so as to maintain the appearance of the structure as a single-family dwelling. The occupants of the Accessory Living Area shall utilize the primary entrance to the family dwelling. If a secondary entrance is required for an Accessory Living Area it shall be located on the side or in the rear of the dwelling. External reconstruction for an Accessory Living Area must be consistent with the exterior of the principal dwelling.
- f. All parking is to be accommodated on site. The homeowner, if necessary, may add a maximum of 200-sq. ft. of parking area upon the lot to accommodate a vehicle owned by the occupant of the Accessory Living Area.

4.1.2.K.3. - Procedures

- a. An Accessory Living Area shall not be constructed without a special permit granted by The Board of Appeals or before the Inspector of Buildings has issued a building permit.
- b. A certificate of occupancy shall be issued after the Inspector of Buildings determines that the Accessory Living Area conforms to the approved plans, the provisions of the zoning bylaw, and all other applicable codes.
- c. Certification from the owner-occupied applicant shall be required yearly, during the month of January, certifying that a family member still resides within the Accessory Living Area. Once a family member no longer



resides in the Accessory Living area the use shall then be discontinued, and the Accessory Living Area shall be decertified.

- d. Upon the sale of the property the special permit granted by The Board of Appeals for the Accessory Living Area shall expire. The new owner may make application for the continued use of the Accessory Living Unit in the manner provided by this bylaw.
- e. An amnesty period of one (1) year after adoption of this bylaw shall be offered to the owner/occupant of a dwelling, which contains an existing Accessory Living Area. During the one- (1) year amnesty period the dwelling owner shall be required to register the Accessory Living Area with the Inspector of Buildings. Any such existing units shall comply with the provisions of this bylaw and all other applicable codes.

*The Finance Committee deferred to the Planning Board. George Dow speaking for the Planning Board recommended adoption of Article 10. The motion was seconded from the floor. Ivy Shahin spoke against the article, as did Terry Fitzpatrick. Scott Hamilton and Mary Jane Morrin, spoke in favor. Mary Toropov and Kosta Prentakis asked questions.*

*Tracy Tinkham spoke against the restriction to family members. Robert Aldenberg and Beverly Popielski spoke in favor. Larry Dodge spoke against adding more bureaucratic restrictions.*

*Ivy Shahin offered an amendment to the second sentence of section 4.1.2.K.2.b. so that it would read*

*Family members shall be limited to brothers, sisters, parents, grand-parents, uncles, aunts, grandchildren, adult first cousins, adult nephews, adult nieces, and/or adult children.*

*The motion was seconded from the floor. Gene LeBlanc asked for Town Counsel's*

*ruling on the legality of the amendment. Town Counsel ruled that changing the definition of "family" would be legal. The motion to amend carried.*

*The vote on the amended main article was taken by a showing of cards. The results were: Yes--141; No--81. Because a 2/3 vote was not achieved, the article was not adopted.*

*Robert Aldenberg moved reconsideration of Article 9, because there is no purpose in having the definition change if Article 10 is not adopted. The motion was seconded from the floor.*

*The vote to reconsider was taken by a showing of cards. The results were: Yes--142; No--24. The motion to reconsider carried.*

*Robert Aldenberg then moved to approve Article 9 as written. He then urged the Meeting to vote "No." The vote to adopt Article 9 was defeated unanimously.*

**Article 11:** On petition of the Inspector of Buildings and the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$18,500 to be added to funds within the Board of Appeals, Planning Board and Inspections Department personnel service budgets to employ a full time secretary for these departments and provide additional secretarial services to the other departments housed in the DPW Office Building, including Public Works, Board of Health and Conservation Commission and to see if such funds will be raised by taxation; by transfer from available funds; by borrowing or by any combination thereof.

*The Finance Committee did not recommend adoption of this article as written. If approved the funds would be raised by taxation. Richard Kassiotis moved that the article be adopted, and Nancy Jones seconded it. Robert Aldenberg spoke in favor, as did Richard Kassiotis, Dennis Roy, George Dow and Jack Leitner. The motion carried.*



**Article 12:** On the petition of the Superintendent of the Division of Public Works and the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$36,500 to pay for one additional full-time light equipment operator for the Department of Public Works, and to see if such funds will be raised by taxation; by transfer from available funds; by borrowing or by any combination thereof.

*The Finance Committee did not recommend adoption of this article. The Committee feels that the benefits of hiring an additional employee do not justify the expense or burden on the tax rate this year. If approved the funds would be raised by taxation. A motion was made and seconded from the floor to adopt Article 12. Dennis Roy spoke in favor. After his explanation and a brief discussion, the motion carried.*

**Article 13:** On petition of the Superintendent of Public Works to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$195,041 to install drainage, widen, pave and otherwise improve any public ways in accordance with the provisions of Section 34, Chapter 90 of the Massachusetts General Laws, and such funds to be reimbursed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Department of Public Works.

*The Finance Committee recommended adoption of this article as written to provide funding for the Town's plan to improve the roads and ways of the Town. The Meeting voted to adopt Article 13.*

**Article 14:** On petition of the Police Chief to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$11,500 to purchase equipment including an office copier, two radar detectors, a garage wall furnace, and a mobile cruiser radio and to see if such funds will be raised by taxation; by transfer from available funds; by borrowing or by any combination thereof.

*The Finance Committee recommends adoption of this article as written. If approved the funding will come from taxation.*

*Police Chief Paul Armitage spoke in favor. He also reported that he has requested that the Board of Selectmen appoint a Space Needs Committee for the Police Department to look into ways to better use their existing space, without expanding. The Chief asked the Meeting to see his Annual Report for further details. The article was adopted on a voice vote.*

**Article 15:** On petition of the Masconomet Regional School Committee to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,182 for Middleton's share of the costs associated with the conversion of existing space at Masconomet for additional classrooms, or take any other action thereon; and to see if such funds will be raised by taxation; by transfer from available funds; by borrowing or by any combination thereof.

*The Finance Committee recommended adoption of the article, as written, to provide funding for the conversion expenses required to create additional classrooms to accommodate increased enrollment. The funds will be raised by taxation. The motion carried.*



**Article 16:** On petition of the Masconomet Regional School Committee to see if the Town will vote to approve the indebtedness in the amount of \$51,654,000, as authorized by the Regional District School Committee of the Masconomet Regional School District on March 17, 1999 for the purpose of construction, architectural, engineering,

furnishings, equipment, and other costs associated with the building project for the expansion and renovation of the district school buildings and facilities, including outdoor athletic facilities and sewerage facilities, provided that said approval shall be contingent upon the passage of a Proposition 2 1/2 debt exclusion referendum under General Laws Chapter 59, Section 21C for the amounts required to pay the Town's share of the principal and interest on the borrowing authorized by the District, and if such referendum is not passed, this vote will be deemed to be a disapproval.

*The Finance committee recommended that the Town approve the \$51,654,000 indebtedness authorized by the Regional District School Committee of the Masconomet Regional School District on March 17, 1999, for the purpose of construction, architectural, engineering, furnishings, equipment and other costs associated with the building project for the expansion and renovation of the district school buildings and facilities, including outdoor athletic facilities and sewerage facilities, provided that this approval shall be contingent upon the passage of a Proposition 2 1/2 debt exclusion referendum under General Laws Chapter 59, Section 21C, for the amounts required to pay the Town's share of the principal and interest on the borrowing authorized by the District, and if such referendum is not passed, this vote will be deemed to be a disapproval of said debt pursuant to General Laws chapter 71, Section 16.*

*After a brief presentation by Judy Gallerie, member of the Masconomet School Committee and their representative to the Building Committee, the Town Meeting vote to adopt Article 16 was unanimous.*

**Article 17:** On petition of the Middleton School Committee and Superintendent of Schools to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$33,800 for the purchase of:

- ◆ new telephone systems in the Howe-Manning and Fuller Meadow Schools
- ◆ new carpeting in the classrooms of the older wing of the Fuller Meadow School
- ◆ classroom painting services in both schools
- ◆ Year 2000 compatible HVAC controls at the Fuller Meadow School
- ◆ an outside storage shed at the Fuller Meadow School

and to see if such funds will be raised by taxation; by transfer from available funds; by borrowing or by any combination thereof.

*The Finance Committee recommended adoption of this article as written, with the funds to be taken from the Overlay Reserve. Paul Woodbury, Elementary School Committee member, spoke in favor and the Meeting voted to adopt Article 17.*

At 11:08 p.m. it was moved and seconded from the floor and unanimously voted to adjourn to Thursday, May 13, 1999 at the same place.



# ANNUAL TOWN MEETING OF MAY 11, 1999 ADJOURNED TO MAY 13, 1999

The Moderator called the Meeting to order at 8:02 p.m. stating that a quorum had been attained.

**Article 18:** On petition of the Middleton School Committee and Superintendent of Schools to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,500 for the purchase of classroom furniture, audio visual equipment at the Fuller Meadow and Howe-Manning Schools, and new blinds in the classrooms of the older wing of the Fuller Meadow School, and to see if such funds will be raised by taxation; by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or by any combination thereof.

*The Finance Committee recommended adoption of this article as written to provide funding mainly for the purchase of new furniture and equipment for the new students enrolling at the Schools with the funds to come from the Overlay Surplus.*

*Ellen Weitzler of the Elementary School spoke in favor of the article, and it was adopted on a voice vote.*

**Article 19:** On petition of the Police Chief and the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, to create a revolving fund to receive firearms license and permit fees, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$13,500 from such fees for firearm permits issuance expenses, and the purchase of equipment and technology associated with the implementation of Chapter 180 of the Acts of 1998, or to take any other action thereto.

*The Finance Committee recommended adoption of this article as written to provide for a revolving fund for firearm license fees, which shall be used to pay the expense associated with issuing such licenses. The*

*funding would come from firearm permit fees.*

*Ira Singer, Town Administrator, on behalf of Chief Armitage, gave a brief explanation of the new legal requirements necessitating this article. The Finance Committee's motion carried unanimously.*

**Article 20:** On petition of the Fire Chief to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$43,000 to purchase a new 15,000 lb. truck to replace the Squad Five (rescue truck). Squad Five will be rebuilt and will be used to replace the existing Fire Alarm Construction Bucket Truck, and to see if such funds will be raised by taxation; by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or by any combination thereof.

*The Finance Committee did not recommend the adoption of this article. If approved they stated that the funding would come from taxation.*

*Fire Chief Henry Michalski spoke in favor. Steve Weitzler asked the Finance Committee why they did not recommend this article. Jill Mann of the Finance Committee explained that they thought it would be better to postpone this expense for another year.*

*Robert Aldenberg spoke in support of the article. A vote was taken by a showing of cards. The results were: Yes—55; No—43. The motion carried.*

**Article 21:** On petition of the Fire Chief to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,000 to replace the tank in Engine 2, and purchase fire alarm circuit and other dispatch equipment and to see if such funds will be raised by taxation; by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or by any combination thereof.



*The Finance Committee recommended the adoption of this article, as written, to provide funding to replace the current rusted tank and to ensure the proper functioning of the dispatch center and fire alarm system. The funding source would be taxation.*

*Chief Michalski spoke in favor, and the Meeting adopted the article unanimously.*

**Article 22:** On petition of the Superintendent of Public Works to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,000 to purchase a new riding fields mower and to see if such funds will be raised by taxation; by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or by any combination thereof.

*The Finance Committee recommended the adoption of this article as written. The DPW is responsible for ensuring the new playing fields are being maintained and therefore additional equipment is required. The funding would come from Free Cash.*

*Dennis Roy, Superintendent of the Department of Public Works, spoke in favor and the motion carried on a voice vote.*

**Article 23:** On Petition of the Board of Health to see if the Town will vote to support the enactment of regulations by the Board of Health to limit smoking in restaurants.

**Purpose:** This article is non-binding. In towns and cities, a Board of Health has the authority to enact regulations relative to smoking in restaurants. This article seeks guidance from the voters in making this decision.

*The Finance Committee made no recommendation on this article. It was moved and seconded from the floor that Article 23 be adopted.*

*Frank FitzGerald made a motion to postpone the article indefinitely and his motion was seconded from the floor. He explained that he thinks it is the duty of the Board to make such decisions, not all of us. The Moderator explained that postponing indefinitely would have the effect of defeating the article. Dale Buckley,*

*Chairman of the Board of Health, urged the Meeting to allow the Board to have a dialogue with the Meeting on this subject. The motion to postpone did not carry.*

*Dale Buckley gave a brief presentation of the Board's recent activities in this area and reported on the results of the recent survey of opinions on the dangers of second-hand smoke.*

*Kosta Prentakis spoke against government regulation in this area. The voice vote being close, the Moderator guessed that the vote was 48 % positive and 52% negative.*

**Article 24:** On petition of the Electric Light Commissioners to see if the Town will vote to accept a sum of money from the earnings of the Electric Light Department, said sum to be used for the reduction of taxes.

*The Finance Committee recommended that the Town accept \$97,200 from the earnings of the Electric Light Department, which the Town will use to offset tax rate increases.*

*The vote to accept Article 24 was unanimously in favor.*

**Article 25:** On petition of the Electric Light Commissioners to see if the Town will authorize the appropriation of all income of the Municipal Light Department, the whole to be expended by the Manager thereof under the direction and control of the Commissioners, for the expenses of the Department for the Fiscal Year as defined in Section 57 of Chapter 164 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth, and the excess to be transferred to the Depreciation Fund of said Department to be used as the Commissioners may direct hereto.

*The Finance Committee recommended the approval of this article as written, and the motion carried.*

**Article 26:** On petition of the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000 for its share of the operating expenses of a regional services consortium to perform



collective purchasing and other joint services, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into an agreement with the Metropolitan Area Planning Council to operate said consortium consistent with the provisions of section four A of Chapter 40 of the General Laws provided, however that said appropriation shall not be expended unless said consortium receives a matching grant or gift to support its operations from a public or private source, or take any action relative thereto.

*The Finance Committee recommended adoption of this article as written, with the funds to come from the Overlay Reserve Fund.*

*Ira Singer gave a brief explanation and spoke in favor. The Meeting voted in favor unanimously.*

**Article 27:** On petition of Francis FitzGerald and more than ten registered voters of the Town of Middleton to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for new sidewalk construction on Forest Street from a point where the state and federally funded sidewalk will end (Essex, North Main and Forest Street reconstruction project) to the intersection of Forest and Lake Streets; and to see if such funds will be raised by taxation; by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or by any combination thereof.

Important Informational Note: The length of sidewalk requested in this article is approximately 1,750 feet, which would cost \$85,000 according to estimates of the DPW Superintendent. The Board of Selectmen and the Town have not developed a sidewalk expansion program with definitive locations and priorities. Since there are many other rural sections of the community that have experienced similar levels of development and traffic, the Selectmen would prefer sidewalk construction to be accomplished in a planned and affordable manner.

*The Finance Committee did not recommend the adoption of the article. The Committee feels that this type of betterment does not serve the interests of the entire community*

*and that the Town would be best served by adopting a policy and establishing a time line for such betterments that serve the greater interests of the Town.*

*Frank FitzGerald moved, on behalf of ten registered voters that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$85,000 for new sidewalk construction on Forest Street from a point where the state and federally funded sidewalk will end (Essex, North Main and Forest Street intersection construction project) to the intersection of Forest and Lake Streets; such funds to be appropriated from the Free Cash account. The motion was seconded from the floor.*

*Mr. FitzGerald spoke in favor of his motion. Tony Pascuccio of the Finance Committee spoke against the project, because it does not benefit the whole community, and against drawing the Free Cash account down any lower. Town Accountant Robert Murphy also spoke against this manner of determining a sidewalk-improvement program. Robert Porteous of the Finance Committee spoke against taking any more money out of Free Cash than the Finance Committee has already planned, because that would take the account dangerously low.*

*Andrew Bouchard suggested that it would be better to have a developer do this, as has happened in other areas. Gordon Hackett spoke in favor of the article. David Leary, Chairman of the Planning Board supported the possibility that this might be accomplished as a part of a future development. Gail Sabino expressed concern that there was no plan for where the sidewalk would go. Dick O'Connor spoke in favor of the article, especially for safety reasons. Richard Kassiotis, Selectman spoke against the article but in favor of developing an overall plan for sidewalk development. Pike Messenger spoke in favor of sidewalks everywhere we can get them. Larry Dodge spoke in favor the article and in favor the Selectmen's presenting to next year's Town Meeting a comprehensive plan that takes us beyond Forest Street.*

Nancy Jones spoke in favor of developing a comprehensive plan of sidewalk construction. Gene LeBlanc asked for a progress report on the Forest/Essex/North Main Street intersection reconstruction project and what impact it would have on this issue. Ira Singer explained that the state project has been put on hold due to the financial drain of the Central Artery project. Dennis Roy, Superintendent of DPW spoke in favor of developing an overall plan with a priority list and using private funds whenever possible, as has been done on Boston Street.

Beverly Popielski of the Planning Board recommended tabling this issue until we see what the latest preliminary subdivision will produce in return for waiver.

Jill Mann, speaking for the Finance Committee, made a motion to amend the funding source to be the Stabilization Fund. The Moderator explained that if the Finance Committee's motion carries, a 2/3 vote would be required to fund this sidewalk.

The Town Accountant and Finance Committee explained that it would be irresponsible to take Free Cash down as low as \$650,000, which the original motion would do. It hasn't been below \$700,000 for a long time which is a major reason for our very favorable bone rating.

*The motion to amend carried.*

*The vote was taken by a showing of cards, and the results were: Yes—32; No—70. The article was not approved*

**Article 28:** On petition of the Superintendent of Public Works to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,000 to install additional monitoring wells at the closed Town Landfill in accordance with the requirements of the Middleton Comprehensive Site Assessment Plan of the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, and to see if such funds will be raised by taxation; by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or by any combination thereof.

*The Finance Committee recommended the adoption of this article, as written, in order to adhere to the requirements of the Department of Environmental Protection. Dennis Roy spoke in favor and the motion carried unanimously.*

**Article 29:** On petition of the Board of Selectmen and all of the boards and departments housed in the DPW Office Building at 195 North Main Street (Public Works, Inspections, and the Boards of Appeals, Planning, Conservation, and Health) to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 to make repairs and renovations to the second floor of the office building and to the roof, and to see if such funds will be raised by taxation; by transfer by from available funds, by borrowing or by any combination thereof.

*The Finance Committee recommended adoption of this article as written to provide funding for the second stage of the renovation of the DPW Building as part of the Town's ongoing maintenance plan for Town Buildings. The funds would come from Free Cash. Dennis Roy spoke in favor of the motion, and it carried on a voice vote.*

**Article 30:** On petition of the Conservation Commission to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 to add to the Conservation Land Acquisition Fund established by the 1997 Annual Town Meeting in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 8C as amended, and to see if such funds will be raised by taxation; by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or by any combination thereof.

*The Finance Committee recommended that the Town approve the appropriation of \$20,000 to the Conservation Land Acquisition Fund to continue the Town's support and dedication to maintaining open space in the community; such funds would come from the Overlay Reserve Fund.*

*Sally MacDonald of the Conservation Commission spoke in favor of the motion which carried on a voice vote.*



**Article 31:** On petition of the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to repair or replace soffits, fascia boards, gutters, and make related repairs to overlapping sections of the roof and top sections of Memorial Hall; and to see if such funds will be raised by taxation; by transfer from available funds or by any combination thereof.

*The Finance Committee recommends the adoption of this article as written to provide funding for the renovation of Memorial Hall. This project is part of the Town's ongoing maintenance plan for Town Buildings. The source of funding would be Free Cash. The motion carried.*

**Article 32:** On petition of the Superintendent of Public Works to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$60,000 to purchase a 35,000-lb. heavy duty dump truck to be used together with the trade in value of the department's 1991 Ford F-800 Truck, and to see if such funds will be raised by taxation; by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or by any combination thereof.

*The Finance Committee recommended the adoption of this article as written to provide funding for the replacement of the existing nine-year-old truck that is no longer cost efficient to continue to maintain and repair. The funds would come from taxation. Dennis Roy explained the need, and the Meeting voted to adopt Article 32 unanimously.*

**Article 33:** On petition of the Superintendent of Public Works to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$21,000 to be used together with the trade in value of the department's 1991 Ford Crown Victoria (former cruiser) to purchase a new four-wheel drive vehicle for the Public Works Department, and to see if such funds will be raised by taxation; by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or by any combination thereof.

*The Finance Committee recommended adoption of this article as written to provide funding for the purchase of a four-wheel drive vehicle for use by the Superintendent of the DPW. The job of DPW Superintendent requires the individual holding this position to travel at times when the roads are in extremely poor condition. The current car being used by the Superintendent will be used by an employee of the Water Department and will replace a vehicle that can no longer be used. The funds would be taken from the Water Enterprise Fund. Dennis Roy spoke in favor, and the motion carried.*

**Article 34:** On petition of the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaws by deleting section 4.14.1 relative to the Wireless Telecommunications Facilities District and to replace section 4.14.1 with the following:

**4.14.1-District:**

Wireless Telecommunication Facilities may be allowed by special permit by the Board of Appeals in all M-1 Manufacturing Districts, in an Interstate (IH) Highway Business District and in the Institutional (I) District overlaying the R-1B Residential District on land owned by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Said land within the Institutional District is identified as Lot 20A and Lot 16 respectively located off Maple Street at the Danvers Town Line and as shown on the Middleton Assessor's Map #20, and consisting of approximately 60 acres. Procedures to be followed shall be according to the Rules and Regulations for granting Special Permits adopted by the Board of Appeals.

*The Finance Committee deferred to the Planning Board. The Planning Board moved and seconded the motion that Article 34 be adopted as printed. Robert Aldenberg, Zoning Enforcement Officer, spoke in favor of the article, and the Meeting voted unanimously to adopt it.*



**Article 35:** On petition of the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$80,000 to pay for town employee (union and non-union) salary and wage increases for Fiscal Year 2000 with said sums to be distributed to the various wage accounts within the Omnibus Budget as determined by the Board of Selectmen following the completion of collective bargaining, and to see if such funds will be raised by taxation; by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or by any combination thereof.

*The Finance Committee recommended the adoption of this article, as written, to provide funding for the union and non-union town employees' wage and salary increases for fiscal Year 2000. The funds would be taken from taxation. The motion carried unanimously.*

**Article 36:** On petition of the Trustees of the Flint Public Library, and the Board of Selectmen, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$35,000 for the purpose of funding additional architectural and engineering services and other expenses to prepare schematic drawings and other documents for the expansion of and renovations to the Flint Public Library recommended by the Massachusetts Library Commission Grant Application Program for Library Expansion and Renovations, and to see if such funds will be raised by taxation; by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or by any combination thereof.

*The Finance Committee recommended adoption of this article, as written. The Committee feels that having the schematic drawings for the Library will enhance our chances at receiving grant funding for the project. Free Cash would be the source of funding. Lois Gianni, Library Trustee, spoke in favor of the schematics, as did Michele Mals, Library Director. The Meeting voted unanimously to adopt the article.*

**Article 37:** On petition of the Board of Selectmen and Fire Chief to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$250,000 to make repairs to the Fire Headquarters' apparatus bay floor and underlying

supports, columns, and footings, and complete other building renovations as recommended by the Library and Fire Station Feasibility Study Committee; and to see if such funds will be raised by taxation; by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or by any combination thereof.

*The Finance Committee recommended adoption of this article, as written with the funding to be two-part: \$125,000 from Free Cash and \$125,000 from the Stabilization account. "The Finance Committee feels that the repairs need to be made to ensure the integrity of the Fire Station."*

*Chief Michalski explained the necessity of the expenditure, and the meeting voted unanimously to fund it.*

**Article 38:** On petition of the Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee to see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to the Stabilization Fund, and to see if such funds will be raised by taxation; by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or by any combination thereof.

*The Finance Committee recommended that the Town appropriate \$75,000 to the Stabilization Fund to provide a funding source for future planned capital expenditures. "The funding source for this transfer would be Free Cash." The Meeting voted for this appropriation unanimously.*

**Article 39:** On petition of the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money to be taken from Free Cash to apply to and reduce the Fiscal Year 2000 Tax Rate.

*The Finance Committee recommended that \$150,000 be transferred from Free Cash to apply to and reduce the Fiscal Year 2000 Tax Rate. The Meeting voted to do so unanimously.*

The Moderator reminded the Meeting that next Monday, May 17<sup>th</sup> will be the Town Election. It was moved, seconded and unanimously voted to dissolve the Meeting at 10:00 p.m.



# ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION

## MONDAY, MAY 17, 1999



The polls were opened at 7:00 AM by Warden Sandra Pollock and remained open until 8:00 PM. There were 3,894 registered voters at the close of registration before the election and 984 votes were cast (a 25% turnout). The results were as follows:

### Moderator

(For One Year, Vote for One)

Henry A. Tragert	811
All Others	3
Blanks	170

### Clerk

(For Three Years, Vote for One)

Sarah B. George	833
All Others	1
Blanks	150

### Selectman

(For Three Years, Vote for Two)

Richard W. Kassiotis	711
All Others	4
Blanks	269

### Assessor

(For Three Years, Vote for One)

Kosta E. Prentakis	757
All Others	1
Blanks	150

### Elementary School Committee

(For Three Years, Vote for Two)

John R. Erickson	355
Ellen B. Weitzler	581
Richard J. White, Jr.	566
All Others	2
Blanks	464

### Elementary School Committee

(For One Year, Vote for One)

Thomas E. Skinner	764
All Others	3
Blanks	217

### Regional School Committee

(For Three Years, Vote for One)

Judy Gallerie	7
All Others	31
Blanks	946

### Electric Light Commissioner

(For Three Years, Vote for Two)

Alfred J. Jones	724
A. David Lenzie	687
All Others	3
Blanks	554

### Planning Board

(For Five Years, Vote for One)

Harry W. Matthews, Jr.	719
All Others	9
Blanks	256

### Planning Board

(For Two Years, Vote for One)

George E. Dow, Sr.	491
Edwin E. Cowart III	389
All Others	1
Blanks	103

### Trustee of the Flint Public Library

(For Three Years, Vote for Two)

Leonard A. Stone	689
Mary Ann Erickson	615
All Others	1
Blanks	663

### Housing Authority

(For Five Years, Vote for One)

Charles M. Collier	728
All Others	2
Blanks	254

#### Question 1



Shall the Town of Middleton be allowed to assess an additional \$225,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of funding a portion of the Middleton Elementary School Operating Budget for five full-time existing teachers, and funding for one and one-half new enrollment driven teachers, part-time support staff, upgrading an assistant principal to principal and instructional materials for the fiscal year beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>, nineteen hundred and ninety-nine?

Yes	644
No	322
Blanks	18

#### Question 2

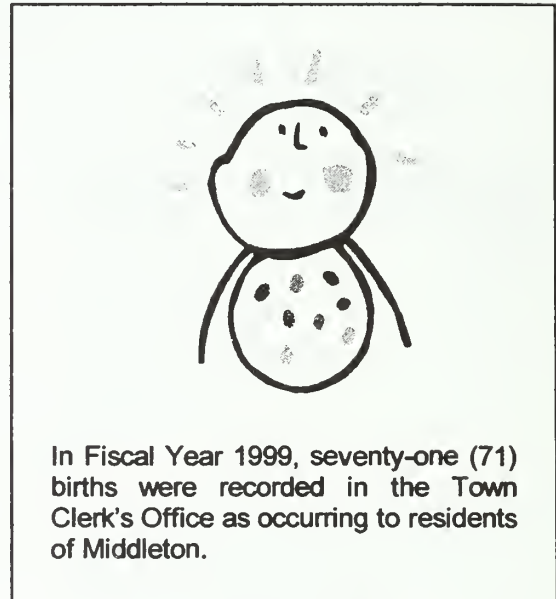
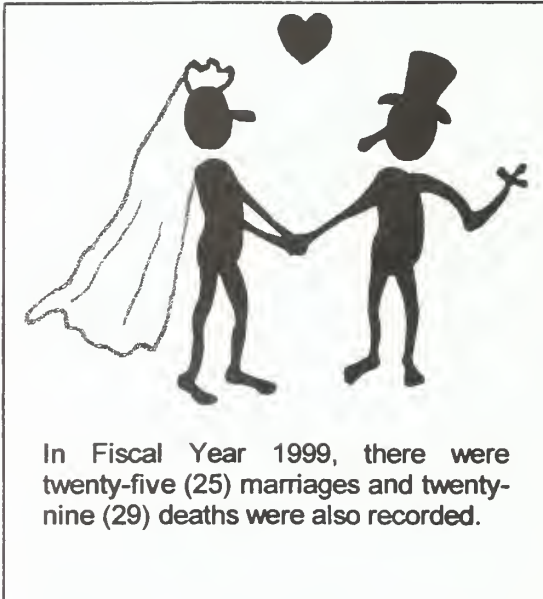


Shall the Town of Middleton be allowed to exempt from the provisions of Proposition two and one half, so called, the amounts required to pay for the bonds to be issued by the Masconomet Regional School District in order to finance construction, architectural, engineering, furnishings, equipment and other costs associated with the building project for the expansion and renovation of the district school buildings and facilities, including outdoor athletic facilities and sewerage facilities?

Yes	646
No	313
Blanks	25



## BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS RECORDED



In accordance with a 1991 amendment of Chapter 51, Section 4 of the Massachusetts General Laws, the list of births is now omitted from this report.

Similarly, the lists of marriages and deaths are now omitted in accordance with the recommendations of the Massachusetts Registry of Vital Records. Please be advised that this information is however, still public, and individual records may be viewed and certified copies purchased in the Town Clerk's Office.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sarah B. George  
Town Clerk

# REGISTRARS of VOTERS

The Board of Registrars of Voters is appointed by the Board of Selectmen to serve three-year overlapping terms. The Town Clerk is a Registrar by virtue of her office. The duties of the Registrars include the following:

- ✍ Register new voters
- ✍ Certify absentee ballot applications
- ✍ Certify nomination papers and petitions
- ✍ Conduct election recounts
- ✍ Maintain and update the list of registered voters
- ✍ Prepare the annual census

The Board holds a special registration session before each election and town meeting. In addition to the special sessions, any resident of the Town may register to vote in the Town Clerk's Office: Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and Tuesday evenings 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Mail-in registration is also possible. Forms are available at the Post Office and Library or by calling the Town Clerk's Office at (978) 774-6927.

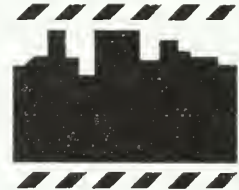
As of January 1, 1999, the Board found the number of residents to be 6,667, which is an increase of 133 residents since January 1, 1998. As of June 30, 1999, the number of registered voters and their party enrollment is as follows:

PARTY	NUMBER
Democrats	860
Republicans	546
Independent Third Party	1
Libertarian	16
Reform	4
Rainbow Coalition	1
Unenrolled	2466
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3894</b>

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Hocter, Chairperson  
Nancy Karolides  
Karen Gerrior  
Sarah George (Ex Officio)

# BOARD OF ASSESSORS



Fiscal Year 1999 (July 1, 1998 to June 30, 1999), involved the timely completion of the state mandated revaluation of all Real and Personal Property located in the Town. The revaluation of property is required by the state every three years so that the state may inspect and verify assessed values set by a municipality. This year's revaluation resulted in an increase in the Town's assessed valuation of \$82,527,694 – a 14.59% increase over the previous year's valuation.

During Fiscal 1999, the Assessing Department began the installation and conversion to a new assessing software purchased from Patriot Properties, Inc.

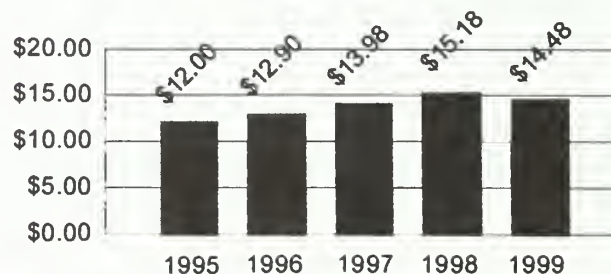
This installation and conversion, which will be completion in Fiscal Year 2000, will enable our Department to more efficiently and accurately provide information to both taxpayers and the other financial departments of the Town. More importantly, It will allow our Department to make market adjustments to assessed values on a yearly basis, if necessary, resulting in a more equitable distribution of the tax burden.

The tax rate for FY '99 was \$14.48 per thousand dollars of value for all classes of property. The following is a five-year recap of tax-related information and a summary by class of the FY '99 valuation and tax levy.

## TAX RATE

1995	\$ 12.00
1996	\$ 12.90
1997	\$ 13.98
1998	\$ 15.18
1999	\$ 14.48

## TAX RATE

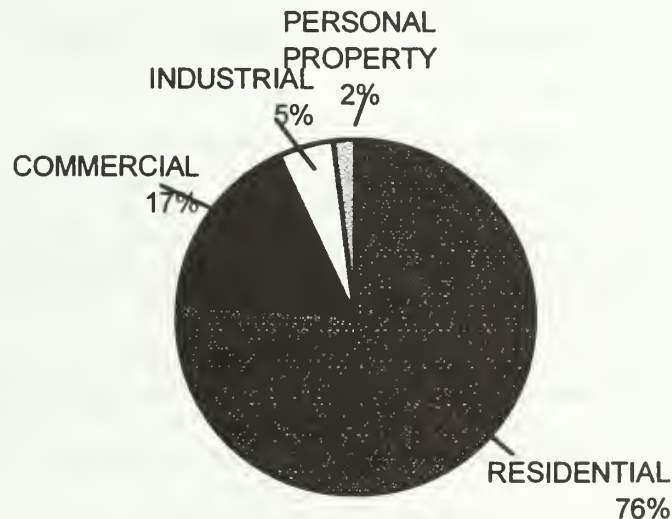




## VALUE AND PERCENTAGE BY CLASS

VALUE AND PERCENTAGE BY CLASS			
CLASS	VALUE	PERCENT	TAX DOLLARS
RESIDENTIAL	\$493,721,518	76%	\$7,149,088
COMMERCIAL	\$109,778,183	17%	\$1,589,588
INDUSTRIAL	\$ 32,858,480	5%	\$ 475,791
PERSONAL PROPERTY	\$ 11,752,250	2%	\$ 170,173
TOTAL	\$648,110,431	100%	\$9,384,640

## PERCENT BY CLASS



BOARD OF ASSESSORS  
KOSTA PRENTAKIS  
DEBORAH CARBONE  
PATRICIA OHLSON

ASSISTANT ASSESSOR  
CHRISTOPHER M. BOVA, MAA

CLERK  
SHIRLEY CASHMAN



## CUSTODIAN OF TOWN LANDS

The auction of Town Owned Lands was held on November 19, 1998 at 3:00 p.m. at the Fuller Meadow School in the Nathan Media Center. Seventeen (17) properties were placed for sale. Prior to the sale, some lots were combined when it made sense to enlarge the parcels for sale. Ultimately, seven parcels were sold for a total of \$32,500. These properties will now be taxable properties. The assistance of the Conservation Commission and our tax attorney was very helpful in this process.

My objective for next fiscal year is to continue to convert all foreclosed properties that are not needed for Town or conservation purposes into taxable properties.

If any resident has questions regarding Town land, I can be reached at 777-4966.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert F. Murphy

# TOWN OF MIDDLETON FINANCE COMMITTEE

## Annual Report for Fiscal Year 1999

The Finance Committee herewith presents its annual report for 1999.

The Financial and budget policies and decisions of the Finance Committee are based on need and affordability. Both must be met. This requires its Committee members continually to solicit input from departments, personnel and Town residents. Often this involves assignments to various study and activity committees that are created by the Board of Selectmen. The Finance Committee relies most heavily on the daily exchanges of information that

occur between the Committee and the offices of the Town Administrator and Town Accountant.

### Reserve Fund

The Finance Committee Reserve Fund is an account funded at Annual Town Meeting for the purpose of providing funds for extraordinary or unforeseen expenses. The sum of \$40,000 was placed in the Reserve Account for FY 1999.

*Transfers made in FY 1999 are as follows:*

Board of Health	Consultant additional activity	\$ 1,500.00
New Financial Computer System	Implementation Support	\$ 10,000.00
Inspector's Training	Building Codes Accreditations	\$ 1,000.00
Assessors	New Appraisal System	\$ 10,300.00
Assessors	Legal Services	\$ 400.00
Fire Department	Ladder Truck Trade	\$ 2,637.00
Finance Committee	Additional Meetings Secretarial Services	\$ 500.00
Computer System	Additional Licenses/Training/Virus Protection	\$ 10,500.00
Council on Aging	Additional Medical Runs	\$ 1,000.00
Interest Account	Estimated vs. Actual	\$ 587.50
Board of Health	Engineering – Septic Regulation Revisions	\$ 725.50
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 39,150.00</b>



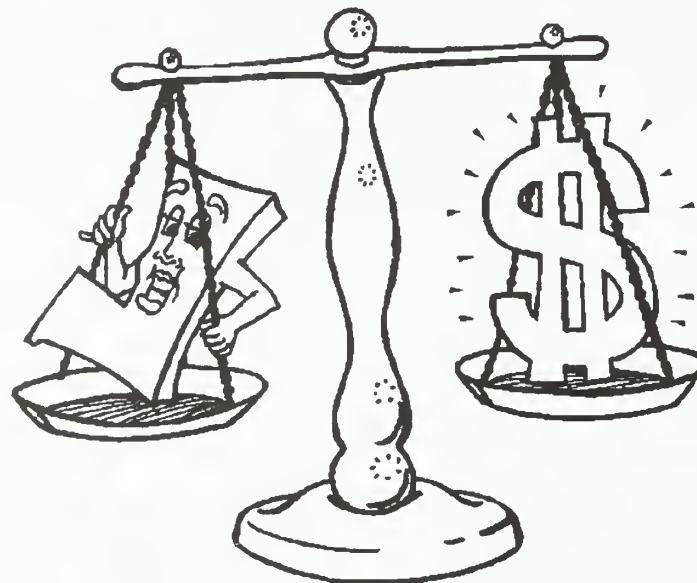
## Financial Profile

- \$ Schools are currently 62% of the Town Operating Budget. The next school building project is already in preliminary discussion. We look forward to the day that the State will accept its responsibility and fully fund its mandates. Special Education costs are a prime example of the State mandating while not funding. Rules are theirs'; the costs are ours.
- \$ Town Government is currently 38% of the Town Operating Budget. More homes + more people + more streets = more costs. No Town department is exempt from the pressures that growth places on Town infrastructure.

- \$ As a Finance Committee, we may agree with the "need" but not agree on "affordability". It is some times at the "affordability" considerations that departments requests can not be supported. This includes considerations made at Annual Budget reviews and also administration of the Reserve Fund. Finance Committee decisions are dependent on having the best information available and we encourage input from residents, departments and all Town officials and employees.

Finance Committee:

Robert D. Twombly, Chairman  
Robert Porteous, Vice Chairman  
Steven Cocciardi  
Gordon Borek  
Jill Mann  
John Erickson  
Anthony Pascuccio



# TOWN ACCOUNTANT

The general purpose financial statements of the Town of Middleton are submitted herewith. These reports were prepared by me as the Town Accountant.

Responsibility for both accuracy of the presented data and the completeness and fairness of the presentation, including all disclosures, rest with the Town.

I believe the data as presented is accurate in all material aspects; that it is presented in a manner designed to fairly set forth the financial position and results of operation of the Town as measured by the financial activity of its various funds; and that all disclosures necessary to enable the reader to gain the maximum understanding of the Town's financial affairs have been included.

The Town continues to be in a sound financial position. However, the tax rate for Fiscal Year 1999 did increase to \$14.48 per thousand dollars of valuation. This increase was projected, but thanks to the efforts of everyone involved in Town Government and the support of Town body, it didn't exceed the projections.

The following is a schedule of general long-term town obligations

The Town's indebtedness consists of serial notes issued between fiscal 1980 and 1996 for funding special projects. All bond issues were approved by Town Meeting.

The following is a statement of changes in long term debt for the year ended June 30, 1999

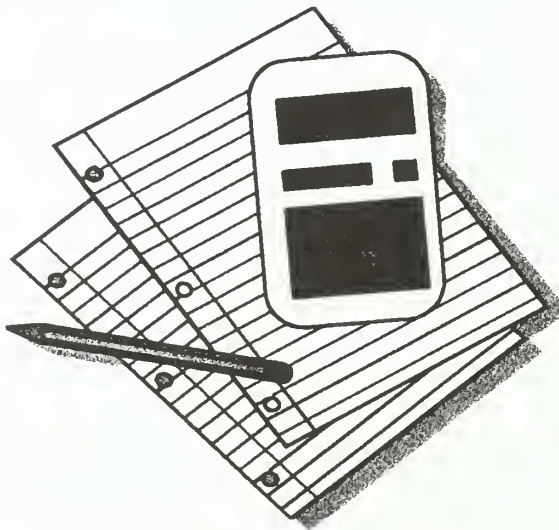
TYPE	INTEREST RATES	ORIGINAL AMOUNT	BALANCE AT 7-1-97	ADDI-TIONS	RETIRE-MENTS	BALANCE AT 6-30-98
School Construction & Landfill Project Maturities 1999-2015	4.3% to 7.2%	\$5,000,000	\$4,650,000	---	\$185,000	\$4,465,000
School Renovation Maturities 1999-2005	3.1% to 5.0%	\$1,275,000	\$800,000	---	\$100,000	\$700,000
Electric Substation Maturities 1999-2009	5.7% to 7.0%	\$1,975,000	\$1,100,000	---	\$100,000	\$1,000,000
Water Extension Maturities 1999-2005	5.0%	\$412,000	\$25,025	---	\$3,575	\$21,450
Water Extension Maturities 1999-2022	5.0%	\$367,800	\$240,400	---	\$9,800	\$230,600
Multi Purpose Maturities 1999-2013	4.2% to 5.5%	\$3,080,000	---	---	\$230,000	\$2,850,000
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>\$12,109,800</b>	<b>\$9,895,425</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$ 628,375</b>	<b>\$9,267,050</b>

**The annual debt service requirements of the Town's outstanding indebtedness at June 30, 1999 are as follows**

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Principal</b>	<b>Interest</b>	<b>Total</b>
2000	\$ 633,375	\$ 444,915	\$ 1,078,290
2001	\$ 638,375	\$ 420,789	\$ 1,059,164
2002	\$ 628,375	\$ 390,823	\$ 1,019,198
2003	\$ 638,375	\$ 361,486	\$ 999,861
2004	\$ 648,375	\$ 331,625	\$ 980,000
Thereafter	\$ 6,080,175	\$ 1,790,101	\$ 7,870,276
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 9,267,050</b>	<b>\$ 3,739,739</b>	<b>\$ 13,006,789</b>

At June 30, 1999, the Town has authorized and unissued debt of \$200,000 for sewer capital projects. In addition, the Town is assessed its share of debt from other governmental entities (known as overlapping debt).

For the Masconomet Regional School, the Town's share of the regional school's \$1,970,196 debt is 27.88%.





# TOWN OF MIDDLETON BALANCE SHEET

YEAR ENDING 9/30/99

	GENERAL	SPECIAL REVENUE #22-25	WATER SP REV #29	CAPITAL #30	ENTERPRISE #32	NON-EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS #32	EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS #34	STABILIZATION #35	AGENCY FUNDS #39	CAPITAL PROJECT #31 LANDFILL	LONG TERM DEBT #37	CONSERVATION LAND TRUST #38	TOTALS
<b>ASSETS:</b>													
CASH	3 299 390	869 753	939 075	14 310	5 179 012	171 393	229 229	307 019	319 471	64 989		25 000	11 109 835
RECEIVABLES													0
PETTY CASH	275												275
REAL ESTATE/PERSONAL PROPERTY	5 019 192												5 019 192
INVESTMENTS	341 530												341 530
NET REAL ESTATE/PERSONAL PROPERTY	4 977 992	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4 977 992
TAX TITLE	729 129												729 129
MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE	99 999												99 999
OTHER RECEIVABLES	5 147												5 147
FIXED ASSETS	122 895				279 990							26 335	8 924 359
INVESTMENTS					6 924 359						9 297 050		14 001 368
AMOUNT TO BE PROVIDED	274 056					284 324							9 297 050
DUE TO/ FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS													274 056
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$9,780,586</b>	<b>\$1,055,794</b>	<b>\$939,075</b>	<b>\$14,310</b>	<b>\$12,083,251</b>	<b>\$455,717</b>	<b>\$229,229</b>	<b>\$307,016</b>	<b>\$319,471</b>	<b>\$64,989</b>	<b>\$9,297,050</b>	<b>\$51,335</b>	<b>\$32,466,920</b>
<b>LIABILITIES:</b>													
ACCRUED LIABILITIES	97 929												97 929
BAD DEBT	(15 424)												0
DEFERRED REVENUE	122 895												(15 424)
REAL ESTATE/PERSONAL PROPERTY	4 977 992												122 895
TAX TITLE	729 129												4 977 992
MOTOR VEHICLES	99 999												729 129
UTILITIES & AMBULANCE	5 147												99 999
BONDS PAYABLE					679								5 147
DEPOSITS					1 000 000								679
DUE FROM OTHER GOVT									312 018		9 297 050		312 018
									7 453				7 453
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$5,553,325</b>	<b>\$122,985</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,000,678</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$318,471</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$9,297,050</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$15,263,508</b>
<b>FUND EQUITY:</b>													
RESERVED FUND BALANCES	1 142 139	490 120		14 310	3 064 987	455 717	229 229	307 016		64 986		51 335	5 809 819
UNRESERVED FUND BAL - SURPLUS	2 095 122	126 017	793 964										3 005 103
EXPENDITURES SPECIAL ARTICLES													0
STATE GRANTS		160 641											160 641
PRIVATE GRANTS		144 390											144 390
FEDERAL GRANTS		21 641											21 641
RETAINED EARNINGS			45 111		9 017 606								9 017 606
ENCUMBRANCES													45 111
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>	<b>\$3,227,261</b>	<b>\$932,809</b>	<b>\$939,075</b>	<b>\$14,310</b>	<b>\$11,082,573</b>	<b>\$455,717</b>	<b>\$229,229</b>	<b>\$307,016</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$64,986</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$51,335</b>	<b>\$17,203,311</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>\$9,780,586</b>	<b>\$1,055,794</b>	<b>\$939,075</b>	<b>\$14,310</b>	<b>\$12,083,251</b>	<b>\$455,717</b>	<b>\$229,229</b>	<b>\$307,016</b>	<b>\$319,471</b>	<b>\$64,986</b>	<b>\$9,297,050</b>	<b>\$51,335</b>	<b>\$32,466,920</b>

# CASH DISBURSEMENTS

YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1999

ACCOUNT NUMBER	TITLE	CARRY FORWARD	ORIG. BUDGET	NET TRANSFERS	Y-T-D EXPENDED	ACCOUNT BALANCE
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>						
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES		100		100	
114	TOWN MODERATOR		100		100	
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES		105,201		112,091	-6,890
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES		17,150		16,465	685
5400	SUPPLIES		1,800		1,778	22
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES	3,650	33,294		34,753	2,191
5800	CAPITAL OUTLAY	41,812	92,500	160,300	196,759	97,853
122	SELECTMEN	45,462	249,945	160,300	361,846	93,861
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES		996	500	1,495	1
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES		115			115
5400	SUPPLIES		100			100
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES		40,150	-39,148	135	867
131	FINANCE COMMITTEE		41,361	-38,648	1,630	1,083
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES		59,377		59,377	
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES	113	2,270		2,229	154
5400	SUPPLIES	357	600		648	309
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES		395		396	-1
5800	CAPITAL OUTLAY	150				150
135	TOWN ACCOUNTANT	620	62,642		62,650	612
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES		74,308		68,529	5,779
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES		11,760	400	6,611	5,549
5400	SUPPLIES		1,550		1,441	109
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES		2,825		1,455	1,370
5800	CAPITAL OUTLAY	27,161	25,000		35,129	17,032
141	ASSESSORS	27,161	115,443	400	113,165	29,839
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES		97,261		97,261	
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES	40,420	14,300		30,009	24,711
5400	SUPPLIES		3,250		3,250	
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES		425		425	
5800	CAPITAL OUTLAY	700	1,200		528	1,372
145	TREASURER/COLLECTOR	41,120	116,436		131,473	26,083
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES		1,500		1,500	
146	CUST. OF TOWN LANDS		1,500		1,500	
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES		12,566		12,566	
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES		9,500		9,500	
151	TOWN COUNSEL		22,066		22,066	
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES		1,000		581	419
5400	SUPPLIES					
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES					
152	PERSONNEL BOARD		1,000		581	419
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES		53,706		53,706	
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES	408	2,200		2,200	408
5400	SUPPLIES		850		505	345
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES		400		160	240
5800	CAPITAL OUTLAY	1,135				1,135
161	TOWN CLERK	1,543	57,156		56,571	2,128
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES		8,515		6,837	1,678
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES	518	4,280		4,658	140
5400	SUPPLIES		550		436	114
5800	CAPITAL OUTLAY					
162	ELECTIONS	518	13,345		11,931	1,932
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES		3,125		1,549	1,576
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES		10,900		10,653	247
5400	SUPPLIES		300		444	-144
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES		450		440	10
5800	CAPITAL OUTLAY					
171	CONSERVATION COMMISSION		14,775		13,086	1,689

ACCOUNT NUMBER	TITLE	CARRY FORWARD	ORIG BUDGET	NET TRANSFERS	Y-T-D EXPENDED	ACCOUNT BALANCE
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES		13,060		13,048	12
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES		2,600		2,139	461
5400	SUPPLIES		500		512	-12
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES		915		557	358
175	PLANNING BOARD		17,075		16,256	819
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES		10,315		9,501	814
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES		3,400		3,241	159
5400	SUPPLIES		200		195	5
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES		60		60	
176	BOARD OF APPEALS		13,975		12,997	978
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES		100			100
181	INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION		100			100
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES	4,552	4,900		4,929	4,523
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES		25,950		20,566	5,384
5400	SUPPLIES	1,266	6,100		6,920	446
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES					
5800	CAPITAL OUTLAY		600		600	
192	TOWN BUILDING	5,818	37,550		33,015	10,353
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES		13,000		12,052	948
195	TOWN REPORT		13,000		12,052	948
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES	1,240	11,000		11,000	1,240
196	AUDIT	1,240	11,000		11,000	1,240
5400	SUPPLIES		400			400
197	CHRISTMAS LIGHTS		400			400
5400	SUPPLIES		50,000		48,202	1,798
199	STREET LIGHTS		50,000		48,202	1,798
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES					
5400	SUPPLIES					
5800	CAPITAL OUTLAY					
420	DPW - ADMINISTRATION					
<b>100</b>	<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>	<b>123,482</b>	<b>838,869</b>	<b>122,052</b>	<b>910,121</b>	<b>174,282</b>
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>						
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES	82,180	641,711		637,740	86,151
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES	5,179	55,061		45,439	14,801
5400	SUPPLIES		21,091		20,144	947
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES	4,000	17,285		16,150	5,135
5800	CAPITAL OUTLAY	2,957	66,900	5,189	70,812	4,234
210	POLICE	94,316	802,048	5,189	790,285	111,268
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES		672,481		629,732	42,749
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES	4,002	33,900		35,381	2,521
5400	SUPPLIES		23,900		23,590	310
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES		5,100		5,055	45
5800	CAPITAL OUTLAY	464,000	119,500	2,637	536,467	49,670
220	FIRE	468,002	854,881	2,637	1,230,225	95,295
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES		78,908		78,728	180
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES		2,540	1,000	3,434	106
5400	SUPPLIES		500		500	
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES		7,150		7,150	
5800	CAPITAL OUTLAY					
241	BUILDING INSPECTOR		89,098	1,000	89,812	286
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES	100	100		51	149
291	CIVIL DEFENSE	100	100		51	149
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES		12,235		12,235	
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES	694	4,000		4,003	691
5400	SUPPLIES		725		725	
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES	250	2,000		451	1,799
292	ANIMAL CONTROL	944	18,960		17,414	2,490
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES		100		100	
296	CONSTABLE		100		100	
<b>200</b>	<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>	<b>563,362</b>	<b>1,765,187</b>	<b>8,826</b>	<b>2,127,887</b>	<b>209,488</b>



ACCOUNT NUMBER	TITLE	CARRY FORWARD	ORIG. BUDGET	NET TRANSFERS	Y-T-D EXPENDED	ACCOUNT BALANCE
<b>EDUCATION</b>						
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES					
5600	INTERGOVERNMENTAL		189,110		189,110	
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES			2,700	2,693	7
5800	CAPITAL OUTLAY	594	38,500		30,897	8,197
301	SCHOOL DEPARTMENT	594	227,610	2,700	222,700	8,204
5600	INTERGOVERNMENTAL		3,060,926		3,086,801	-25,875
302	MASCONOMET		3,060,926		3,086,801	-25,875
110	SCHOOL COMMITTEE		9,940		12,580	-2,640
120	SUPT. OFFICE	91	103,671		103,196	566
351	1000 SERIES-SCHOOL COMMITTEE	91	113,611		115,776	-2,074
210	SUPERVISION		28,964		29,878	-914
220	PRINCIPALS	3,015	176,017		173,688	5,344
230	TEACHING	193,669	1,937,149	61,500	2,054,155	138,163
235	TEACHING PROF. DEVELOPMENT	25	24,800	-2,000	18,778	4,047
240	TEXTBOOKS		46,477		31,991	14,486
250	LIBRARY	2,565	30,819		32,869	515
260	AUDIO VISUAL		46,156		31,919	14,237
270	TESTING		4,868		3,215	1,653
280	PSYCHE SERVICES		5,500		5,386	114
411	CUSTODIAL SERVICES					
413	UTILITIES					
422	MAINTENANCE OF BUILDINGS					
423	MAINTENANCE OF EQUIPMENT					
520	INSURANCE					
920	O.O.D. TUITION THERAPY SERVICES		201,067	75,500	271,919	4,648
352	2000 SERIES: REG. DAY TEACHING	199,274	2,501,817	135,000	2,653,798	182,293
320	HEALTH SERVICES	6,341	47,243		50,114	3,470
330	TRANSPORTATION		189,698	15,568	212,793	-7,527
340	CAFETERIA		8,438		16,016	-7,578
353	3000 SERIES: REG. DAY HEALTH SERVICES	6,341	245,379	15,568	278,923	-11,635
411	CUSTODIAL SERVICES		103,438		103,240	198
412	HEATING		43,849		45,491	-1,642
413	UTILITIES		48,396		49,401	-1,005
421	MAINTENANCE OF GROUNDS		1,520		820	700
422	MAINTENANCE OF BUILDINGS		24,800		33,613	-8,813
423	MAINTENANCE OF EQUIPMENT		18,528		21,948	-3,420
354	4000 SERIES: CUSTODIAL SERV.		240,531		254,513	-13,982
520	INSURANCE		193,890		192,662	1,228
355	5000 SERIES: INSURANCE		193,890		192,662	1,228
700	REPAIR/REPLACE EQUIPMENT				202	-202
357	7000 SERIES				202	-202
<b>300</b>	<b>EDUCATION</b>	<b>206,300</b>	<b>6,583,764</b>	<b>153,268</b>	<b>6,805,375</b>	<b>137,957</b>
<b>PUBLIC WORKS &amp; FACILITIES</b>						
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES		422,189		403,989	18,200
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES	14,893	87,450		87,694	14,649
5400	SUPPLIES	13,644	137,250		121,497	29,397
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES		27,350		27,345	5
5800	CAPITAL OUTLAY	264,082	128,000		103,067	289,015
420	DPW - ADMINISTRATION	292,619	802,239		743,592	351,266
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES	3,450	111,800	825	104,316	11,759
5400	SUPPLIES	2,080	7,000		9,082	-2
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES	3,747	13,500		14,588	2,659
5800	CAPITAL OUTLAY	7,500			6,818	682
425	TRANSFER STATION/ SOLID WASTE	16,777	132,300	825	134,804	15,098
<b>400</b>	<b>PUBLIC WORKS &amp; FACIL.</b>	<b>309,396</b>	<b>934,539</b>	<b>825</b>	<b>878,396</b>	<b>366,364</b>

ACCOUNT NUMBER	TITLE	CARRY FORWARD	ORIG. BUDGET	NET TRANSFERS	Y-T-D EXPENDED	ACCOUNT BALANCE
<b>HUMAN SERVICES</b>						
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES		62,717		62,624	93
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES		14,800	2,226	16,136	890
5400	SUPPLIES		900		900	
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES		4,200		3,101	1,099
5800	CAPITAL OUTLAY					
511	BOARD OF HEALTH		82,617	2,226	82,761	2,082
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES		52,244	1,000	51,480	1,764
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES		4,750		2,990	1,760
5400	SUPPLIES		2,120		1,461	659
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES		4,200		3,308	892
5800	CAPITAL OUTLAY		1,500		1,500	
541	COUNCIL ON AGING		64,814	1,000	60,739	5,075
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES		7,334		7,334	
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES		105			105
5400	SUPPLIES		170			170
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES		6,550			6,550
543	VETERANS AGENT		14,159		7,334	6,825
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES		18,500		18,500	
545	SOCIAL SERVICES AGENCY FUNDING		18,500		18,500	
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES		1,500		1,500	
546	ABUSED WOMEN		1,500		1,500	
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES		1,800		1,701	99
548	GARDEN CLUB		1,800		1,701	99
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES	4,661	2,650		7,311	
549	LOCAL CABLE	4,661	2,650		7,311	
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES		500			500
550	NORTH SHORE TRANSPORTATION FORCE		500			500
500	HUMAN SERVICES	4,661	186,540	3,226	179,846	14,581
<b>CULTURE &amp; RECREATION</b>						
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES		154,320		151,355	2,965
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES		15,500		15,494	6
5400	SUPPLIES		47,200		47,240	-40
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES		700		658	42
5800	CAPITAL OUTLAY	7,500	1,500	50,000	41,097	17,903
610	LIBRARY	7,500	219,220	50,000	255,844	20,876
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES	3,924	6,103		10,027	
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES		7,050		6,464	586
5400	SUPPLIES		950		950	
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES	500	5,025		5,572	-47
630	RECREATION COMMISSION	4,424	19,128		23,013	539
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES	300	300			600
691	HISTORICAL COMMISSION	300	300			600
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES	1,945	3,100		2,970	2,075
692	MEMORIAL DAY	1,945	3,100		2,970	2,075
600	CULTURE & RECREATION	14,169	241,748	50,000	281,827	24,090
<b>DEBT SERVICE</b>						
5900	DEBT SERVICE		893,790	585	894,375	
710	DEBT SERVICE		893,790	585	894,375	
5900	DEBT SERVICE				-13,073	13,073
750	INTEREST				-13,073	13,073
700	DEBT SERVICE TOTALS		893,790	585	881,302	13,073

ACCOUNT NUMBER	TITLE	CARRY FORWARD	ORIG. BUDGET	NET TRANSFERS	Y-T-D EXPENDED	ACCOUNT BALANCE
<b>INTERGOVERNMENTAL</b>						
5600	INTERGOVERNMENTAL				10,347	-10,347
820	STATE ASSESS. & CHARGES				10,347	-10,347
5600	INTERGOVERNMENTAL				20,788	-20,788
830	COUNTY ASSESS. & CHARGES				20,788	-20,788
5600	INTERGOVERNMENTAL				122,140	-122,140
840	OTHER ASSESS. & CHARGES				122,140	-122,140
<b>800</b>	<b>INTERGOVERNMENTAL EXPENSES</b>				<b>153,275</b>	<b>-153,275</b>
<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>						
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES		307,000		306,951	49
911	RETIREMENT		307,000		306,951	49
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES		7,000		-5,000	12,000
5700	OTHER CHARGES AND EXPENSES					
913	UNEMPLOYMENT		7,000		-5,000	12,000
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES		195,000		721	194,279
5700	OTHER CHARGES AND EXPENSES				164,997	-164,997
914	HEALTH INSURANCE		195,000		165,718	29,282
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES				3,380	-3,380
5700	OTHER CHARGES AND EXPENSES		3,500			3,500
915	LIFE INSURANCE		3,500		3,380	120
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES					
5700	OTHER CHARGES AND EXPENSES		26,000		9,251	16,749
916	MEDICARE/DEP TAX		26,000		9,251	16,749
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES	25,000	67,500		4,310	88,190
945	LIABILITY INSURANCE	25,000	67,500		4,310	88,190
<b>900</b>	<b>MISCELLANEOUS TOTAL</b>	<b>25,000</b>	<b>606,000</b>		<b>484,610</b>	<b>146,390</b>
<b>REFUNDS</b>						
1210	PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES				132	-132
1220	REAL ESTATE TAXES				38,262	-38,262
1260	MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE				9,738	-9,738
971	TAX REFUNDS				48,132	-48,132
<b>970</b>	<b>REFUNDS TOTAL</b>				<b>48,132</b>	<b>-48,132</b>
2100	PAYROLL WITHHOLDINGS				2,433,269	-2,433,269
981	PAYROLL WITHHOLDING TURNSOVERS				2,433,269	-2,433,269
2400	DUE TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS				76,221	-76,221
2580	OTHER LIABILITIES				200	-200
2700	NOTES PAYABLE					
3590	UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE				17,580	-17,580
3900	FUND BALANCE ACTUAL				76	-76
4980	TRANSFER TO OTHER FUNDS				125,000	-125,000
983	OTHER ITEMS				219,077	-219,077
2580	OTHER LIABILITIES				32,930	-32,930
984	BALANCE SHEET RECEIPTS				32,930	-32,930
<b>980</b>	<b>BALANCE SHEET ITEMS</b>				<b>2,685,276</b>	<b>-2,685,276</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>1,246,370</b>	<b>12,050,437</b>	<b>338,782</b>	<b>15,436,047</b>	<b>-1,800,458</b>



ACCOUNT NUMBER	TITLE	CARRY FORWARD	ORIG. BUDGET	NET TRANSFERS	Y-T-D EXPENDED	ACCOUNT BALANCE
<b>REVOLVING FUNDS</b>						
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES				6,346	-6,346
171	CONSERVATION COMMISSION				6,346	-6,346
<b>100</b>	<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>				<b>6,346</b>	<b>-6,346</b>
5800	CAPITAL OUTLAY				28,238	-28,238
221	FIRE ALARM INSTALLATIONS				28,238	-28,238
<b>200</b>	<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>				<b>28,238</b>	<b>-28,238</b>
4270	OTHER CHARGES FOR SERVICES				6,621	-6,621
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES				4,462	-4,462
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES					
301	SCHOOL DEPARTMENT				11,083	-11,083
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES				56,274	-56,274
5400	SUPPLIES				65,398	-65,398
303	SCHOOL LUNCH				121,672	-121,672
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES				93,360	-93,360
5400	SUPPLIES				1,256	-1,256
306	PRESCHOOL PROGRAM				94,616	-94,616
5400	SUPPLIES				29,090	-29,090
307	HOWE-MANNING REVOLVING A/C				29,090	-29,090
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES				32,258	-32,258
5400	SUPPLIES				24,921	-24,921
308	HOWE MANNING CHILD CARE				57,179	-57,179
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES				39,424	-39,424
5100	SUPPLIES				20,636	-20,636
5700	OTHER CHARGES AND EXPENSES				7,000	-7,000
309	KINDERGARTEN ACTIVITIES				67,060	-67,060
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES					
5400	SUPPLIES					
310	SUMMER PROGRAMS					
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES					
5700	OTHER CHARGES AND EXPENSES					
311	RENTAL REVOLVING					
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES				17,761	-17,761
312	AFTER SCHOOL ENRICHMENT PROGRAM				17,761	-17,761
<b>300</b>	<b>EDUCATION</b>				<b>398,461</b>	<b>-398,461</b>
4370	OTHER DEPARTMENTAL REVENUES				1,725	-1,725
310	SUMMER PROGRAMS				1,725	-1,725
<b>22</b>	<b>REVOLVING FUNDS TOTAL</b>				<b>434,770</b>	<b>-434,770</b>
<b>RECEIPTS RESERVED FOR APPROP.</b>						
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES					
5800	CAPITAL OUTLAY					
220	FIRE					
<b>200</b>	<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>					
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES				500	-500
5800	CAPITAL OUTLAY					
492	LOTS AND GRAVES				500	-500
400	PUBLIC WORKS AND FACILITIES				500	-500
<b>23</b>	<b>RECEIPTS RESERVED FOR APPROP. TOTAL</b>				<b>500</b>	<b>-500</b>

ACCOUNT NUMBER	TITLE	CARRY FORWARD	ORIG. BUDGET	NET TRANSFERS	Y-T-D EXPENDED	ACCOUNT BALANCE
<b>SCHOOL GRANTS</b>						
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES				2,470	-2,470
301	SCHOOL DEPARTMENT				2,470	-2,470
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES				1,700	-1,700
5400	SUPPLIES					
316	CHAP. 11 ECIA PL97-35				1,700	-1,700
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES				9,080	
317	PROF. DEVELOPMENT				9,080	
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES				58,953	-58,953
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES					
5400	SUPPLIES				400	-400
321	PL 94-142				59,353	-59,353
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES				38,036	-38,036
5400	SUPPLIES				336	-336
322	TITLE 1 LOW INCOME				38,372	-38,372
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES				14,411	14,411
5400	SUPPLIES					
323	PER PUPIL ED. AID				14,411	-14,411
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES				10,729	-10,729
5400	SUPPLIES					
327	CH 188 EARLY CHILDHD GRANT				10,729	-10,729
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES					
328	SPED EARLY CHILDHD COORD.					
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES				12,151	-12,151
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES					
329	GOV. ALLIANCE AGNT DRUGS				12,151	-12,151
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES				935	-935
333	MATH IN SERVICE TRAINING				935	-935
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES					
334	LANG. LEARNING DISABLED CHILD					
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES				51,767	
5200	PURCHASES OF SERVICES				21,901	
338	FOUNDATION GRANT (POT HOLE)				73,668	
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES				10,348	-10,348
339	GUIDANCE COUNSELOR				10,348	-10,348
300	EDUCATION				233,217	-233,217
<b>24</b>	<b>SCHOOL GRANTS TOTAL</b>				<b>233,217</b>	<b>-233,217</b>

<b>OTHER GRANTS</b>						
4540	FEDERAL REVENUE - DIRECT					
5400	SUPPLIES					
5800	CAPITAL OUTLAY				4,979	-4,979
122	SELECTMEN				4,979	-4,979
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES				3,023	-3,023
136	ARTS LOTTERY COUNCIL				3,023	-3,023
100	GENERAL GOVERNMENT				8,001	-8,001
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES				2,765	-2,765
5400	SUPPLIES				32,938	-32,938
5800	CAPITAL OUTLAY				307	-307
210	POLICE				36,010	-36,010
5800	CAPITAL OUTLAY				2,494	-2,494
220	FIRE				2,494	-2,494
200	PUBLIC SAFETY				38,504	-38,504
300	EDUCATION					

ACCOUNT NUMBER	TITLE	CARRY FORWARD	ORIG. BUDGET	NET TRANSFERS	Y-T-D EXPENDED	ACCOUNT BALANCE
5400	SUPPLIES					
5800	CAPITAL OUTLAY	280,129	192,582		272,811	199,900
420	DPW-ADMINISTRATION	280,129	192,582		272,811	199,900
5800	CAPITAL OUTLAY					
451	WATER DEPARTMENT					
<b>400</b>	<b>PUBLIC WORKS &amp; FACILITIES</b>	<b>280,129</b>	<b>192,582</b>		<b>272,811</b>	<b>199,900</b>
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES				6,367	-6,367
5700	OTHER CHARGES AND EXPENSES					
5800	CAPITAL OUTLAY					
511	BOARD OF HEALTH				6,367	-6,367
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES					
549	LOCAL CABLE					
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES				4,043	-4,043
541	COUNCIL ON AGING				4,043	-4,043
5200	PRUCHASE OF SERVICES				3,050	-3,050
549	LOCAL CABLE				3,050	-3,050
<b>500</b>	<b>HUMAN SERVICES</b>				<b>13,460</b>	<b>-13,460</b>
5800	CAPITAL OUTLAY		50,000	-50,000	5,677	-5,677
610	LIBRARY		50,000	-50,000	5,677	-5,677
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES					
613	LIBRARY MEG/LIG GRANTS					
<b>600</b>	<b>CULTURE AND RECREATION</b>		<b>50,000</b>	<b>-50,000</b>	<b>5,677</b>	<b>-5,677</b>
<b>OTHER GRANTS TOTAL</b>		<b>280,129</b>	<b>242,582</b>	<b>-50,000</b>	<b>338,453</b>	<b>134,258</b>
<b>WATER SPECIAL REVENUE</b>						
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES		36,430		28,107	8,323
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES		1,000			1,000
5400	SUPPLIES	29,876	20,000		23,928	25,948
5700	OTHERS CHARGES & EXPENSES		600		531	69
5800	CAPITAL OUTLAY	36,055	1,500		444	37,111
5900	DEBT SERVICE		71,102		69,474	1,628
451	WATER DEPARTMENT	65,931	130,632		122,484	74,079
400	PUBLIC WORKS AND FACIL.	65,931	130,632		122,484	74,079
<b>28</b>	<b>WATER SPECIAL REVENUE TOTAL</b>	<b>65,931</b>	<b>130,632</b>		<b>122,484</b>	<b>74,079</b>
<b>CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND</b>						
5900	DEBT SERVICE					
122	SELECTMEN					
49	OTHER FINANCING SOURCES					
5800	CAPITAL OUTLAY				41,689	-41,689
301	SCHOOL DEPARTMENT				41,689	-41,689
<b>300</b>	<b>EDUCATION</b>				<b>41,689</b>	<b>-41,689</b>
5800	CAPITAL OUTLAY					
511	BOARD OF HEALTH					
500	HUMAN SERVICES					
<b>30</b>	<b>CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND TOTAL</b>				<b>41,689</b>	<b>-41,689</b>



ACCOUNT NUMBER	TITLE	CARRY FORWARD	ORIG. BUDGET	NET TRANSFERS	Y-T-D EXPENDED	ACCOUNT BALANCE
<b>CAPITAL PROJECTS</b>						
5800	CAPITAL OUTLAY				208,606	-208,606
122	SELECTMEN				208,606	-208,606
100	GENERAL GOVERNMENT				208,606	-208,606
5800	CAPITAL OUTLAY					
511	BOARD OF HEALTH					
500	HUMAN SERVICES					
<b>31</b>	<b>CAPITAL PROJECTS TOTAL</b>				<b>208,606</b>	<b>-208,606</b>
<b>ELECTRIC LIGHT PLANT</b>						
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES				629,313	-629,313
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES				7,097,849	-7,097,849
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES				1,135,490	-1,135,490
5800	CAPITAL OUTLAY					
5900	DEBT SERVICE				169,000	-169,000
460	ELECTRIC LIGHT DEPARTMENT				9,031,652	-9,031,652
<b>62</b>	<b>PUBLIC WORKS AND FACILITIES</b>				<b>9,031,652</b>	<b>-9,031,652</b>
<b>NON-EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND</b>						
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES				9,128	-9,128
631	MANSFIELD CHARITY FUND				9,128	-9,128
600	CULTURE AND RECREATION				9,128	-9,128
<b>82</b>	<b>NON-EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND TOTAL</b>				<b>9,128</b>	<b>-9,128</b>
<b>CONSERVATION LAND TRUST</b>						
5700	OTHER CHARGES AND EXPENSES				10,000	-10,000
171	CONSERVATION COMMISSION				10,000	-10,000
<b>86</b>	<b>CONSERVATION LAND TRUST</b>				<b>10,000</b>	<b>-10,000</b>
<b>AGENCY FUND</b>						
4840	OTHER MISC. REVENUE				3,780	-3,780
161	TOWN CLERK				3,780	-3,780
5800	CAPITAL OUTLAY		25,000			25,000
171	CONSERVATION COM MISSION		25,000			25,000
2550	GUARANTEE DEPOSITS	75,508			98,118	-22,610
175	PLANNING BOARD	75,508			98,118	-22,610
2550	GUARANTEE DEPOSITS					
511	BOARD OF HEALTH					
<b>100</b>	<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>	<b>75,508</b>	<b>25,000</b>		<b>101,898</b>	<b>-1,390</b>
2550	GUARANTEE DEPOSITS	26,705			33,095	-6,390
420	DPW-ADMINISTRATION				33,095	-33,095
2580	OTHER LIABILITIES				147,835	-147,835
982	OUTSIDE DETAIL TURNSOVERS				147,835	-147,835
1331	WATER LIENS				147,835	-147,835
2400	DUE TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS				147,835	-147,835
983	OTHER ITEMS				147,835	-147,835
980	BALANCE SHEET ITEMS				160,706	-160,706
<b>89</b>	<b>AGENCY FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>102,213</b>	<b>25,000</b>		<b>295,699</b>	<b>-168,486</b>
<b>TOWN TOTAL</b>						
<b>TOWN TOTAL</b>		<b>1,694,643</b>	<b>12,448,651</b>	<b>288,782</b>	<b>26,162,245</b>	<b>-11,730,169</b>

# TOWN OF MIDDLETON CASH RECEIPTS SUMMARY

ENDING 6/30/99

#1 GENERAL FUND	#2 REVOLVING FUND	#22 RESERVED FUND	#24 SCHOOL GRANTS	#28 OTHER GRANTS	#28 WATER SPECIAL RESERVE	#29 CAPITAL PROJECTS	#32 ELECTRIC FUND	#33 CONSERV. LAND TRUST	#34 TRUSTS	#35 STANDARD FUND	#38 AGENCY FUND	TOTAL
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**TAXES:**  
PERSONAL PROPERTY  
REAL ESTATE  
TRANSFER TAXES  
MOTOR VEHICLE  
TAX TITLE PENALTY  
INTEREST  
PRINCIPAL  
INTEREST EXCISE  
LIEU OF TAXES  
TAX OFFICE  
CELEBRATION CHARGES  
ELECTRIC LENS  
TAXES IN LITIGATION  
**SUBTOTAL**

167,623  
9,084,460  
53,537  
718,534  
13,174  
42,882  
56,375  
21,234  
48  
9,671  
10,211,708

**FEES AND CHARGES:**  
ASSESSORS  
TOWN CLERK  
POLICE  
CEMETERY  
SELECTMEN  
BUILDING INSPECTOR  
BOARD OF HEALTH  
LANDFILL  
PLANNING BOARD  
**SUBTOTAL**

137  
17,801  
8,354  
10,774  
20,364  
4,932  
128,332  
12,825  
83,757  
8,200  
360,417

**STATE REVENUE:**  
POLICE AGENTIVE  
LOCAL AID  
LOTTERY  
HOTEL TAX  
MOTOR VEHICLE  
STATE OWNED LAND  
VETERANS & BLIND  
SILVERDALE  
SCHOOL AID CHAP 70  
HIGHWAY  
TRANSPORTATION  
TOWN STATEWARDS  
MEDICAL BUILDING REIMB  
SCHOOL BUILDING REIMB  
**SUBTOTAL**

19,936  
159,272  
32,825  
11,634  
1,074  
5,680  
7,378  
424,042  
48,516  
3,515  
6,052  
266,813  
1,436,712

**OTHER REVENUES:**  
POLICE FINES  
POLICE MISC.  
ACQUISITION  
INTEREST EARNINGS  
SALE OF PROPERTY  
INSURANCE REIMB  
OTHER MISC REVENUE  
**SUBTOTAL**

51,843  
13,216  
18,060  
279,202  
33,827  
53,827  
47,037  
501,217

# TOWN OF MIDDLETON CASH RECEIPTS SUMMARY

ENDING 6/30/99

	#1 GENERAL FUND	#22 REVOLVING FUND	#23 RECEIPTS RESERVED	#24 SCHOOL GRANTS	#25 OTHER GRANTS	#28 WATER SPECIAL RESERVE	#30 CAPITAL PROJECTS	#62 ELECTRIC FUND	#80 CONSERV. LAND TRUST	#82 TRUST FUND	#84 TRUSTS	#85 STABILIZA- TION	#88 AGENCY FUND	TOTAL
TRANSFERS	197,500													
REFUNDS & REIMBURSEMENTS:														
EXPENDITURE REIMBURSEMENT	143,787													143,787
SUBTOTAL	143,787													143,787
PAYROLL														
WITHHOLDINGS:														
PAYROLL WITHHOLDINGS	2,433,171													2,433,171
SUBTOTAL	2,433,171													2,433,171
DUE TO OTHER GOVT														
WATER LIENS	13,147													13,147
SUBTOTAL	13,147													13,147
BALANCE SHEET ITEMS														
HEALTH INSURANCE	58,306													58,306
EXCHANGE	45,647													45,647
SUBTOTAL	103,953													103,953
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	15,407,642													15,407,642
FUND 22														
- REVOLVING FUND:														
FIRE ALARM CONSTRUCTION		14,893												14,893
SCHOOL LUNCH		131,841												131,841
PRESCHOOL		102,859												102,859
SCHOOL MUSIC		4,803												4,803
CHILD CARE		61,254												61,254
KINDERGARTEN		51,011												51,011
RENTAL REVOLVING		3,112												3,112
TUITION REIMBURSEMENT		7,970												7,970
SUMMER PROGRAMS		1,900												1,900
STUDENT ACTIVITIES		16,547												16,547
AFTER SCHOOL ENRICHMENT		10,958												10,958
TOTAL REVOLVING FUND		407,148												407,148



# TOWN OF MIDDLETON CASH RECEIPTS SUMMARY

ENDING 6/30/99

#1 GENERAL FUND	#22 REVOLVING FUND	#23 RECEIPTS RESERVED	#24 SCHOOL GRANTS	#25 OTHER GRANTS	#25 WATER SPECIAL RESERVE	#30 CAPITAL PROJECTS	#32 ELECTRIC FUND	#30 CONSERV. LAND TRUST	#32 TRUST FUND	#34 TRUSTS	#35 STABILIZA- TION	#39 AGENCY FUND	TOTAL
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## FUND 23

### - REVENUE RESERVED:

AMBULANCE FEES  
CONSERVATION  
PARADE  
CEMETERY

77,883  
5,044  
221  
10,380

TOTAL REVENUES  
RESERVED

93,528

## FUND 24

### - SCHOOL GRANTS:

CURR FRAMEWORK STUDY  
PL 94-142  
TITLE I  
EARLY CHILDHOOD  
GUIDANCE COUNSELOR  
GOVERNOR'S ALLIANCE  
AGAINST DRUGS  
MATH IN SERVICE  
FOUNDATION (POT HOLE)  
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS  
CHAPTER VI  
TECH TRAINING

3,000  
60,682  
38,396  
10,888  
10,348  
11,475  
1,897  
80,000  
325  
1,539  
10,080

TOTAL SCHOOL GRANTS

228,630

## FUND 25

### - OTHER GRANTS:

COUNCIL ON AGING  
HOUSING PARTNERSHIP  
DARE PROGRAM  
ARTS COUNCIL  
COPS FAST  
POLICE COMMUNITY ACTION  
TITLE III B  
FIRE DEPARTMENT  
LIBRARY  
POLICE VESTS  
VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN  
POLICE SELECTIVE  
ENFORCEMENT  
CHAPTER 90  
MASTER PLAN  
DONATIONS  
POLICE WATCH YOUR CAR

11,598  
5,001  
7,000  
3,300  
3,300  
21,250  
20,000  
6,390  
3,566  
7,104  
11,318  
5,907  
2,853  
49,341  
17,000  
3,000  
675

TOTAL OTHER GRANTS

175,273

## FUND 28 - WATER:

WATER LINE PERMITS  
SALE OF WATER

16,200  
225,133

TOTAL WATER

241,333

## FUND 30

8,762

8,762

ENDING 6/30/99

<b>FUND 82 - ELECTRIC:</b>	
SALE OF POWER	
MISC CHARGES	
PRODUCTION	
RATE STABILIZATION	
INTEREST	
M&O	
<b><u>TOTAL ELECTRIC</u></b>	
<b>FUND 80</b>	
- CONSERVATION	
LAND TRUST	
INTEREST & OTHER	
<b><u>TOTAL FUND 80</u></b>	
<b>FUND 82</b>	
INTEREST	
A. RICHARDSON	
D. CUMMINGS	
MANFIELD	
FAMMIE EITTE	
<b>TOTAL FUND 82</b>	
- TRUSTS	
<b><u>- NON EXPENDABLE</u></b>	
<b>FUND 84</b>	
- TRUSTS	
- EXPENDABLE	
SCHOLARSHIP	
UNEMPLOYMENT	
CEMETERY	
<b>TOTAL FUND 84</b>	
- TRUSTS	
<b><u>- EXPENDABLE</u></b>	
<b>FUND 85</b>	
- STABILIZATION	
INTEREST	
<b>TOTAL FUND 85</b>	
- STABILIZATION	
<b>FUND 89 - AGENCY:</b>	
<b>TOTAL</b>	

# TREASURER/TAX COLLECTOR

## COLLECTIONS

The Collector/Treasurer's Office reported collections of \$10,058,419.25 this year. This represents a 7.5% increase in collections over the previous year.

Real Estate taxes remain the principal source of revenue for the Town of Middleton with \$9,214,466.30 being committed for collection. The unpaid balance for FY '99 Real Estate as of June 30, 1999 was \$319,332.30 or 3.4% of the total levy.

Other collections through June 30, 1999 were as follows:

1999 Personal Property	\$ 163,996.95
1999 Water Liens	\$ 8,546.33
1999 Excise Tax	\$ 543,536.42

### Previous Years:

Real Estate	\$ 204,923.83
Personal Property	\$ 3,606.52
Excise Tax	\$ 170,417.98

As standard procedure, this office monitors delinquent accounts very closely. This year 229 overdue Excise tax accounts were collected totaling \$43,231.92 with the use of the Registry of Motor Vehicle Non-Renewal Program. The collection of other taxes netted \$42,738.10 in interest charges. The Registry Program continues to be an extremely beneficial tool in the collection process of overdue Excise tax accounts.

## SCHOLARSHIP

We are very pleased to state that the scholarship contributions reached \$1,340.00, which was an increase of \$241.00 over previous years. Thank you to all who contributed.

## TAX TITLE

In June of 1999 we placed 16 new parcels into our Tax Title Program totaling \$24,974.47. The total Tax Title portfolio contains 57 parcels amounting to \$309,118.19. Included in this total is the Rubchinuk property which represents \$91,851.87 in unpaid taxes plus three (3) owner unknown properties totaling \$63,848.48. There are presently 12 parcels remaining in the Land Court awaiting foreclosure. This past year we received final foreclosure decrees on five properties representing \$27,455.40 in taxes.

## OVERVIEW

This year the Town of Middleton started the implementation of a new Y2K compliant computer system. It was our hope that this new system would solve any future financial reporting dilemmas. The change over to the new computer system began last March 1999 and has progressed very slowly through the end of the year. As with all new endeavors, changes have been somewhat difficult. It has been quite a learning experience involving new procedures, technical language, programming, etc. The acquisition of this new system has resulted in delays in the issuance of real estate, personal property and motor vehicle excise tax bills. This office has found it necessary to work many additional hours in order to maintain our standard of efficiency. We are hopeful that in the coming year this office will realize the efforts made and will once again maintain a high level of efficiency and remain proficient in reaching our goals as in past years.





**THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF ALL TOWN EMPLOYEES AND THEIR  
EARNINGS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31,1999**

Afrow	Lois P.	1,393.75	Cameron	Stephanie E.	126.00
Ajootian	Paul	32,341.13	Canaan	Adina	150.00
Aldenberg	Robert	24,295.13	Carbone	Deborah	750.00
Aldenberg	Robert	45,616.38	Carciero	Kimberly G.	1,275.00
Aloisio	Jane F.	873.75	Carpenter	Ronald	22,296.28
Ambrose	Melissa L.	422.50	Carpenter	Ronald S.	67,158.74
Amero	Mary Anne	56,057.74	Carter	Aimee L.	11,157.44
Anderson	Adria M.	718.38	Carterud	Noreen P.	6,749.00
Anderson	Dian A.	7,223.25	Cashman	William F.	13,197.57
Antonucci	Frank V.	2,920.50	Cashman	Shirley	28,824.10
Anzalone	Eugene A.	1,609.19	Cerullo	Mary Ellen	2,051.72
Anzalone	Julie A.	5,504.84	Chace	Rana L.	12,738.42
Anzalone	Steven	6,299.00	Christianson	Christina A.	11,980.64
Arathuzik	David E.	3,520.21	Christopher	Eric	4,565.75
Arathuzik	David E.	43,630.91	Church	Hillary D.	7,955.65
Armitage	Paul	67,673.38	Ciman	Wanda L.	6,069.50
Ashley	Irene J.	3,386.66	Cleveland	Tracy N.	30,300.24
Avery	Nancy A.	3,308.04	Clinch III	Charles	11,885.30
Bakoian	Eileen	205.77	Clinch IV	Charles S.	38,741.53
Barba	Lee G.	75.00	Clinth IV	Charles	7,219.25
Barber	Jeffrey	23,181.66	Clough	Craig W.	12,253.75
Barnes	Jill E.	6,526.75	Clough	William	19,407.35
Baron	John P.	6,880.52	Cloutier	Michael J.	59,052.16
Baxter	Malvena M.	60,461.51	Coburn	Laura A.	966.26
Beauparlant	Matthew C.	870.42	Corey	William	4,575.62
Beauparlant	H. Peter	6,192.50	Corey	William	71,945.80
Begin	Stacey	40,775.00	Cormier	Leo	44,724.16
Belgiomo	Stephen P.	57,457.74	Cornell	Linda M.	42,499.92
Bernhard	James D..	1,706.00	Correia	Manuel	1,282.48
Bernhard	James D..	14,279.05	Correia	Manuel F.	9,411.67
Bertino	Anthony G.	36,564.08	Corso	Lisa M.	75.00
Besen	Lisa A.	6,794.21	Costas	Susan F.	38,724.90
Bilicki	Janet M.	9,375.32	Costigan	Charles	918.50
Blaus	Eduards E.	675.00	Costigan	Charles	4,345.82
Boardman	Myrtle	49.21	Costigan	Judy A.	11,906.63
Bouchard	Andrew	2,564.00	Courtney Sr.	Kenneth A.	7,051.37
Boudreau	Kathleen M.	55.00	Couture	Ann M.	7,654.98
Bova	Christopher M.	37,624.87	Creeden	Bernard F.	23,882.92
Brochu	Kathryn G.	19,540.93	Cressman	Patricia K.	16,592.52
Brooks	Anne M.	150.00	Cronin	Arlene R.	597.50
Brooks	Anne M.	5,106.75	Cunnigham	Katherine E.	1,149.00
Brunaccini	Kathleen	34.07	Cunningham	Kristeen Y.	373.00
Brunaccini	Kathleen	11,721.04	Cunningham	Marcia L.	2,544.00

Currier	Carolyn	137.64	Foley	Judy	52,125.04
Currier	Robert A.	1,277.00	Folkins	Steven P.	75.00
Currier	Robert A.	47,806.77	Fontaine	Violet	45.42
D'Alesio	Annmarie	655.00	Fouhey	Shannon M.	165.00
Dalton	Pamela	10,273.59	Foy	Kathryn P.	2,176.88
Daniels	Anne Farrell	17,248.29	Foy	Kathryn J.	5,555.79
Darisse	Edward J.	1,891.20	Francis	Peter B.	10,187.98
Davie	Theresa	35,526.48	Freedman	Helen L.	29,174.72
Davies	Adam B.	2,769.82	Fuller	Jennifer	43,007.73
Davis	Mary P.	3,339.00			
De Ramus	Ryan P.	351.00	Gallagher	Christine M.	30,980.17
De Vas	Stephanie C.	144.00	Gallerie	Judy	23,662.08
Dearborn	Michelle	115.00	Garber	Joan	23,743.66
DeCosta	James	898.00	Gardner	Karen L.	25,905.30
DeCosta	James	46,014.01	Garland	Sally A.	2,560.00
Deeley	Barbara	44,125.10	Gauthier	Bessilia A.	1,253.80
Dellea	Nancy K.	6,365.11	Gentile	Debra A.	60.00
Dellea	Cindy	10,957.94	Gentile	Louis R.	26,715.90
Diamond	Karen	2,545.00	Geomelos	Catherine D.	9,076.01
DiGianvittorio	James	3,000.75	George	Sarah	270.00
DiGianvittorio	James	61,434.43	George	Sarah B.	37,121.00
Divaio	Kathleen M.	11,098.13	Gerrior	Karen	95.00
Donovan	Douglas H.	5,885.00	Gettings	Patricia	37.85
Driscoll	Catherine	53,257.71	Gettings	Patricia	4,173.90
Dube	Patricia	284.33	Gibbons	Melinda E.	3,318.75
Dupont	Cynthia A.	7,549.50	Gibbons	Kenneth J.	54,292.20
			Gilardi	Jennifer	16,219.34
Eddy	Susan J.	4,179.00	Giordano	Frank M.	27,324.68
Ellert	Lucinda J.	8,312.50	Gorman	Katherine H.	36,717.34
Enos	Susan A.	19,430.75	Gould	Ricky	37,389.92
Famolare	Cynthia A.	627.71	Grant	Dawn M.	1,817.92
Farley	Mary	2,068.19	Gray	William F.	3,614.99
Farley	Gwen E.	3,710.75	Green	Daine	4,252.32
Farley	George	7,443.98	Griffith	John S.	5,214.68
Farley	Mary	11,340.04	Griffith	John S.	8,445.75
Ferreira	Dorothy	45.42	Guglielmi	Anthony	4,669.73
Ferreira	Leonard	1,613.46	Gulino	Kathleen J.	532.00
Ferreira	Leonard	69,643.11	Guthrie	Carol A.	11,612.75
Festa	Maria	535.00	Hackett	Renee D.	2,647.75
Fiore	Sally S.	2,613.24	Hagan	Virginia J.	395.42
Fitzpatrick	Terry	37.50	Hager	Helen A.	355.00
Fitzpatrick	Terry Ann	83.00	Haines	Patricia R.	13,516.26
Fitzpatrick	Terry Ann	4,223.16	Haley	Gayle	1,704.50
Fitzpatrick	Michelle M.	69,682.80	Haley	Gayle F.	60,453.52
Flom	Karen A.	75.00	Hall	Carol H.	48.00
Flynn	Lesley A.	962.25	Halsey	Susan H.	8,960.00
Flynn	Patti A.	10,742.56	Hamilton	Mary	30.28
Focks	Cynthia	1,475.00	Hamilton	Paula L.	20,861.44

Hannon	Danielle P.	2,136.00	Le Duc	James A.	710.00
Hannon	James	9,047.75	Le Duc	James A.	4,471.12
Hathaway	David E.	178.20	Leary	Timothy E.	225.00
Hawkes	Dina A.	29,975.12	Leary	David	24,177.44
Heckman	Elizabeth	12,418.54	Leary	Florence M.	29,077.20
Hekimian	Diane	32,496.18	Leary	David T.	47,444.74
Hill	Preston H.	2,990.46	LeColst	Kenneth S.	12,006.00
Hobey	Kelly A.	41,417.36	LeColst	Douglas K.	15,627.16
Hocter	Nancy L.	26.50	LeColst	Douglas K.	35,205.58
Hocter	Mary	1,045.00	LeColst	Kenneth	39,155.23
Horvath	Robert B.	4,224.57	Lennon	Diane	1,665.00
Husson	Kevin M.	40,258.67	Lenzie	Jacqueline	32,704.80
Huston	Chrisopher J.	15,641.75	Linehan	John E.	11,236.23
			Linscott	Patricia A.	2,272.91
Inglis	Grace I.	2,171.48	Linscott	Patricia A.	22,326.95
Innis	Donna	33,513.00	Lishner	Sheila A.	8,026.50
Jackman	Paul F.	75.00	Lopez	Margaret V.	2,696.47
Jackman-Sisolal	Susan N.	2,360.00	Lordan	Jeanne	39,455.08
Jackson	Garry	17,882.64	Lougee	George A.	6,584.50
Johnson	Lee K.	375.00			
Johnson	Corey	546.46	Macleod	Patricia L.	1,369.72
Johnson	Claudia	26,798.48	Maiuri	Lisa J.	376.68
Jones	John	1,270.00	Mals	Michele M.	35,277.50
Jones	Alfred	12,567.72	Marques	Gary W.	18,868.00
Jones	Nancy	14,146.94	Marshall	Dale	26,019.98
Jones	John	53,680.22	Martinuk	Danielle	3,754.75
			Martinuk	Thomas J.	15,441.04
Kalinowsky	Jodi L.	75.00	Martinuk	Thomas J.	33,439.76
Karolides	Nancy	1,233.80	Masi	Sandra J.	14,568.49
Kassiotis	Richard	1,891.69	Masse	Jason J.	7,758.50
Kassiotis, Jr.	Richard	337.50	Matthews	Shirley	18,392.48
Kassiotis, Jr.	Richard W.	1,291.60	McCarthy	Faith J.	5,089.02
Kelley	James	675.00	McCormack	Lily G.	2,751.50
Kelley	James	2,779.94	McCormack	Lily G.	30,026.03
Kelley	Brian J.	15,161.59	McGann	Kevin J.	14,868.92
Kelly	Brian J.	3,504.50	McNamara	Jean L.	679.05
Kelly	Mark T.	88,642.00	McParland	Thomas M.	5,698.00
Kennedy	Louise	24,178.92	McParland	Nancy Ann	33,608.90
Kenny	Kara	663.12	McParland	Thomas M.	41,970.78
Kilroy	Paul G.	3,743.40	Meads	Roberta M.	2,184.11
King	Louise	56,187.74	Melancon	Cynthia J.	41,965.08
Kulakowski	Phyllis E.	312.00	Mello	Theresa A.	98.55
Kwiatek	Susan M.	2,273.75	Mendes	Richard	1,007.00
L'Abbe	Jeffrey T.	5,337.38	Mendes	Richard A.	3,933.66
L'Abbe	Scott J.	9,468.75	Messenger	Ward P.	850.00
Lacey	Gary K.	216.00	Michalski Jr.	Henry	62,814.10
Lacey	Gary K.	7,893.29	Miller	James	6,177.50
Lawrence	Tammy A.	2,335.79	Miller	Carlotta S.	56,287.74



Montani	Ann M.	25,804.71	Pazar	Janet A.	48.00
Morin	Kimberly A.	32,609.17	Pazdziorny	Deborah B.	6,126.30
Morin, Sr.	Ernest V.	33,192.96	Peachey	Betty M.	37.85
Morrin	Mary Jane	337.50	Peachey, Jr.	Robert	12,344.82
Morrin	Mary Jane	1,599.99	Peachey, Jr.	Robert T.	49,218.08
Mortalo	Maria G.	1,030.56	Pecci	Meredith E.	36,814.97
Mortalo	Maureen	1,687.28	Pelletier	Patricia H.	17,321.41
Mortalo	Barbara A.	2,552.00	Pelletier	Marie G.	37,118.77
Mortalo	Maureen	6,101.83	Pelrine	Sean M.	302.00
Mugford	William	37,710.64	Pelrine	Mary	54,607.60
Muise	James	216.00	Perkins	Marie A.	3,890.63
Muise	James A.	3,023.50	Pierce	Frances B.	31,188.54
Mulligan	Eileen	37,533.38	Piraino	Deborah F.	341.78
Mullin	Elizabeth A.	466.64	Piraino	Deborah	415.00
Murphy	Shirley	16,415.50	Piro	Denise C.	238.50
Murphy	Laurie J.	33,623.40	Pitts	Susan M.	55.00
Murphy	Robert	44,553.62	Poinier	Jeanne	54,607.60
Musto	Randy	24.00	Poinier-L'Abbe	Seth Z.	706.10
Musto	Michael M.	9,072.00	Pollock	Sandra A.	201.99
Nadeau	Karen R.	55.00	Pollock	Joan S.	1,180.00
Napieracz	Beverly	56,057.74	Pollock	Sandra A.	8,841.89
Nash	Richard F.	13,757.56	Poor	Anita J.	1,282.48
Neal	Priscilla C.	1,421.00	Powers	Sandra L.	130.00
Newhall	Karen L.	23,235.35	Powers	Bernadette M.	252.25
Newhall	Andrea	31,587.58	Prentakis	Konstantinos	750.00
Newhall	Charles W.	42,016.08	Pride	Matthew W.	62,167.18
Nicholls	Gail S.	741.53	Prochilo	Janet P.	2,107.50
Norris	Julie S.	37,320.91	Putnam	Barbara A.	34,194.88
Novakowski	Frances J.	1,709.30			
O'Brien	Stephen R.	33,974.96	Quinn	Nicole K.	9,199.50
O'Connel	Timothy	13,050.12	Ramos	Veronica E.	6,386.58
O'Connell	Timothy	42,045.32	Rathe	Jane T.	56,057.74
O'Connor	John J.	9,362.75	Reardon	Pamela M.	32,346.31
O'Connor	Jeralyn	50,357.76	Reis	Thomas M.	9,672.60
O'Dowd	Jeanne A.	13,348.02	Repucci	Linda M.	5,694.11
Ogden	David B.	49,473.91	Reutter	Barbara	10,791.24
Ogden, Jr.	David	25,502.52	Richardson	Ann	7,460.47
Ohlson	Patricia	1,999.92	Riley	Janet	53,257.71
O'Leary	Cheryl A.	4,414.89	Rogers	June M.	1,683.01
Olmsted	Susan A.	5,187.00	Rogers	Jane V.	17,906.96
O'Neil	William	14,096.32	Rollins	Kenneth D.	66,244.34
O'Neil	William P.	41,902.28	Rosenthal	Judith	975.00
Osgood	Glenn S.	35,786.73	Roy	Dennis R.	42,575.13
Osterfield	Nicole I.	225.00	Rubchinuk	Sandra M.	38,764.90
Pascoe	Gregg A.	404.25	Ruhl	Beth E.	11,336.58
Pascucci	Joseph	1,599.99	Ryan	Heather A.	13,604.19

Saulnier	Raymond L.	4,441.39	Tonello	Lorraine R.H	26,632.00
Saulnier	Scott	41,003.34	Torname	Nancy P.	16.20
Scott	Frank D.	17,863.39	Tumarkin	Nancy B.	2,641.14
Segal	Jerome A.	12,782.42	Turner	Meredith	25,587.04
Seymour	Dawn	75.00	Turvin	Susan G.	1,894.13
Shamon	Joel F.	300.00	Tuscini	Katherine M.	1,230.13
Sharp	Arthur E.	14,368.14	Twing	Amanda L.	620.14
Shininger	Deanne	44,058.21	Twiss	Frank	18,759.14
Silva	Cheryl	41,210.60	Twiss	Frank	44,302.36
Sinclair	Judith A.	2,877.50	Twombly	Carol	9,574.20
Singer	Ira S.	62,007.44			
Skinner	Thomas E.	375.00	Valacer	Gimmie S	300.00
Skory	Steven A.	9,884.55	Valcourt	Antonette	6,612.02
Skory	Steven A.	46,478.37	Vasapoli	Judith K.	450.00
Sliney	Brant M.	4,627.53	Vickerman	Debra	38,744.90
Slocum	Susan F.	3,831.25	Visconte	Nancy A.	2,770.00
Smith	Heather G.	2,467.00	Walke	Beranrd Jay	40,129.12
Smith	William	7,718.00	Warnock	Christina K.	116.00
Snavely	Lindsey D.	9,503.43	Watson	Marion C.	1,369.27
Standring	Sheila	56,657.65	Wells	Cecily	34.07
Stickney	Kris Anne	7,856.29	Wetmore	Elizabeth F.	410.00
Sweeney	Tynne R.	15,702.26	Wheatley	Janet C.	26.50
Swift	Loretta B.	2,881.25	White	Mary T.	55.00
Swift	Marcia	4,806.93	White	Patrick M.	2,397.10
Taylor	Ruth E.	48.00	White	Carolyn	43,007.73
Thorlin	Jo Anne	1,995.00	Williamson	Joyce	54,652.01
Thurber	Nancy L.	5,096.17	Winskowicz	Abbie H.	75.00
Tigar	Paula	110.00	Wojciechowski	Christine S.	10,897.02
Titus	Nancy R.	1,961.95	Woodbury, Jr.	Paul F.	300.00



# ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

As in the past, our Town Report is due and I am unsure what to write when trying to keep everyone up to date with what is going on in Town and at the state level pertaining to animals. Please feel free to contact me if there is something you would like to know or that I should add to my report in the future.

ACOs across the state are dealing with people having to put their animals to sleep because of an oversight on keeping the rabies shots up to date. Please understand that a pet that is up to date on shots needs only a booster shot if contact is made with a rabid animal. If you let the shot run out for any reason or do not have a shot at all for your cat, dog or ferret it will be ordered put to sleep by state law. Please take five minutes to check your paperwork or call your vet. Please don't make us do your job for you after it is too late.

It appears people are doing a good job with dog shots but are being dangerously neglectful with their cats. At this time the State reports that there have been three dogs confirmed with the deadly disease of rabies in comparison to 76 cats. This has meant death for the animals and a tremendous fear and experience for the family, all due to the fact that the animals shot had expired.

This past year we have seen more rabid skunks than raccoons and a much larger percentage have the furious type of rabies. This makes them more of a threat to your animals and also humans. The furious type of rabies makes them more active and aggressive.

Something that has come up way too often this past year must be clarified. In responding to calls for stray animals to be picked up by my department, the question always asked is, "What will you do if the animal is not claimed? Does he have to be killed?" Please understand that those days are gone. Don't let your children think that the Dog Officer or ACO is bad. You can help by teaching them to be kind and responsible pet owners.

At our yearly inspections meeting this past December, we were informed that there would be a new way of reporting barn and livestock conditions. You will no longer be given a form unless we find a problem.

We found this meeting to be very informative as to the new diseases being found in Massachusetts and the old ones being eradicated. The State officials work very diligently with all animal diseases due to the close link between humans and animals. This makes the Inspector of Animals job more important every year.

Now would be a good time to check your cat or dogs rabies shots. The spring clinic will be the first week in May. Dates and times will be advertised in the paper and on cable. The Town Clerk will send license reminders with the exact date in plenty of time.

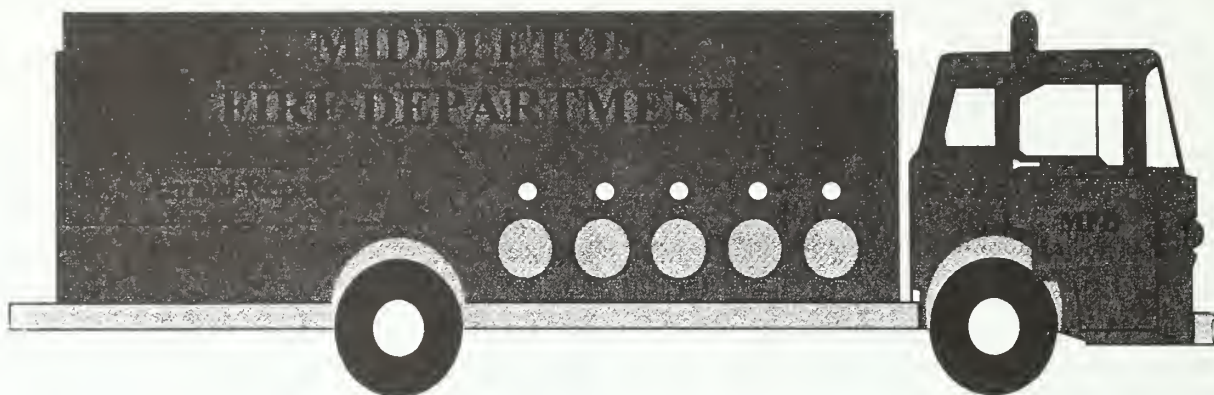
In starting my twentieth year as your Animal Control Officer, I must say I have seen some unbelievable changes in my job, mostly for the better. I would like also to say how lucky I feel to be able to have the working relationship with the Fire and Police Departments that I have. And thank-you again to the Town Clerk for helping me with the worst part of my job - "Paperwork!"

Sincerely,

Betty Heckman  
A.C.O







To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Middleton:

### MISSION STATEMENT:

The primary mission of the Middleton Fire Department is to protect lives and property and improve the quality of LIFE in the Town of Middleton through fire prevention, fire suppression, hazardous material control, and fire alarm communications to all who live, work or invest in the community.

I hereby submit to you the report of the Fire Department for the period July 1, 1998 to June 30, 1999.

The Fire Department consists of permanent and call personnel. The permanent force is composed of Chief, Captain, three Lieutenants, three Firefighters and one Dispatcher.

The call force consists of one Captain, and 19 Firefighters. This combination of personnel gives the Town a complement of 29 men and women serving of the Fire Department.

### DEPARTMENT ROSTER:

#### KEY

- \* Emergency Medical Technician/Basic
- \*\* First Responder, 105 CMR 171.000 MGL c111, c201
- \*\*\* Emergency Medical Technician/Intermediate
- \*\*\*\* Emergency Medical Technician/Paramedic

Total EMT/Basic	19
Total EMT/Intermediate	2
Total EMT/Paramedic	4
Total First Responder	4



#### PERMANENT FORCE:

- \*\*\* Chief Henry Michalski, Jr.
- \* Captain David T. Leary, Sr.
- \*\*\* Lieutenant Frank Twiss
- \* Lieutenant William O'Neil
- \* Lieutenant Timothy O'Connell
- \* Firefighter Kenneth LeColst
- \*\*\*\* Firefighter Douglas LeColst
- \* Firefighter Thomas Martinuk
- \* Dispatcher Lily McCormack





**CALL FORCE:**

*	Captain Charles S. Clinch, III	*	Firefighter James Hannon
**	Firefighter Charles S. Clinch, IV	*	Firefighter Peter B. Francis
**	Firefighter Robert Aldenberg	*	Firefighter Chris Huston
*	Firefighter Jeffrey Barber	****	Firefighter Scott L'Abbe
*	Firefighter Peter Beauparlant	*	Firefighter James Miller
**	Firefighter Matthew Beauparlant	*	Firefighter James A. Muise
**	Firefighter Andrew Bouchard	*	Firefighter Richard F. Nash
****	Firefighter Craig Clough	*	Firefighter Danielle M. Turgeon
*	Firefighter William Clough	*	Firefighter John O'Connor
****	Firefighter Douglas Donovan	*	Firefighter Patrick White

**MANPOWER:**

As with past years, the manpower situation still needs attention. Availability of personnel is still at a critical level; the need for additional full-time firefighters grows every year. The growth of the town has placed a high demand on the department, with increases in inspections and requests for assistance, both in routine and emergency natures.

As of this writing the Town does not comply with the recommendations of the United States Occupational Safety and Health Administration, and the National Fire Protection Association (1500) Standards, requiring four (4) persons to be on scene before attempting an interior fire attack.

**INCIDENTS:**

The Fire Department responded to a total of 1,531 incidents during 1998-1999. This year we showed a decrease of 205 incidents. The incidents are broken down as follows:

<u>Type of Incident</u>	<u>Number of Incidents</u>
Building Fires	18
Chimney Fires	02
Motor Vehicle Fires	06
Brush and Grass Fires	55
Rubbish, Trash, Dumps	05
Spills (gasoline, oil, etc.)	06
Medical Aid -Basic Life Support	378
Medical Aid - Advanced Life Support	117
Motor Vehicle Accidents	108
Mutual Aid - Medical Aid	25
Medical Aid No Transport	0
Burnt Food on stove	93
Investigations	43
Electrical	07
Delayed Ignitions (oil burner)	13
Defective gas appliances	06
Lock ins	02
Service Calls (lockouts, etc.)	216
Assist Police and other Town Departments	20

Illegal burning	22
Mutual Aid	45
Defective Elevators	04
False Alarms (street, master boxes and telephone)	21
Alarm activation's (needless)	253
Lightning strikes	08
Investigation (gas odor)	28
Carbon Monoxide detector activation's	<u>22</u>

Total Response 1998/1999 1531

We answered a total of 246 incidents from the hours of 0001 (12:01 AM) to 0800 hours (8:00 AM), 739 incidents were from 0801 (8:01 AM) to 1600 hours (4:00 PM), and 546 incidents from 1601 (4:01PM) to 2400 (midnight).

The Department received mutual aid from the surrounding communities a total of seventy five times during the past year.

#### APPARATUS:

The apparatus of the Department is in fair to good condition. The current inventory of your equipment is:

1992 Chevy Sedan (Chief's car)  
1995 Ford Sedan (Car 2)  
1993 Ford 350 Pick-up (Squad 5)  
1989 Ford E350 Ambulance (Rescue 6)  
1995 Ford E350 Ambulance (Rescue 1)  
1982 Ford E350 Utility body (Fire alarm maintenance)  
1972 International front mount pump (Engine 2)  
1979 Ward LaFrance pump (Engine 3)  
1986 Hahn pump (Engine 1)  
1999 Sutphen 105' Aerial Ladder (Ladder 1)  
1981 Mack Tractor, with 1965 Heil trailer (Engine 4)  
1988 Cox Boat trailer with 1989 Bombard Commando boat with motor for water rescue  
1988 Wire trailer (fire alarm)  
two general purpose trailers used for HazMat incidents

The new ladder truck arrived in March, despite mother natures attempt to keep the vehicle from reaching the Town of Middleton. The truck was stranded on the New York Thruway during a snowstorm. All personnel have been trained in its use, and it was placed in service in April.

The Department acquired a 1995 Ford Sedan, which was one of the old Police Cruisers, which was used by the department of public works before our acquisition. This vehicle will be used to perform most of the residential inspections of smoke detectors and general business. It should help reduce the amount of miles placed on the squad, allowing it to remain in better condition for emergency responses.

Engine 3, which is a 1979 Ward LaFrance pump, has reached its maximum age to be considered as a first line piece of emergency equipment by the Insurance Service Office rating standard, which affects our insurance rates for the town. We have also noticed a lot of rust on the body and in the cabinets.

The new pickup truck has been ordered as of this writing. The vehicle was purchased off the State Bid list, which allowed the Town to take advantage of lower prices, receiving the best possible vehicle within the budget approved by you the taxpayers. When the new squad is placed in service, the old pick up truck will be used to replace the 1982 Ford F350 utility truck currently serving as the fire alarm maintenance vehicle.

Keeping with the schedule of replacement of the ambulances, we need to consider the moving of Rescue 1 to the reserve rescue. In the past, we have replaced the ambulance every 5 to 6 years, with the monies coming out of the ambulance funds.

9-1-1 has been on line in Middleton since May of 1997. During the year the Department answered 1,289 calls on 9-1-1 lines. I would like to stress that this is an emergency number and should be used for that purpose only. If you should call 9-1-1 by accident, please stay on the line so that the dispatcher can verify that it was a wrong

number or accidental call. When you hang up without answering we are required to dispatch equipment to your resident or place of business to determine if an emergency does exist.

When calling 9-1-1 from a cellular phone, beware that you will be speaking with a State Police telecommunicator at the Framingham State Police radio room. You need to be specific as to your location and emergency. They in turn will connect you with the area you are in, or take the necessary information and dispatch the appropriate response.

9-1-1 can be used even if you cannot speak. When you call, if for some reason you can not speak, you can simply press one of three numbers. If you should need the police, press the number 1, for a fire emergency, press 2 and for an ambulance, press 3. Then it will be necessary for you to respond to the telecommunicators as requested using numbers or what ever means that can be used.

We should also consider adding three (3) additional telecommunicators (9-1-1 operators). These additional people would be used to augment the night and weekend shifts, freeing up a firefighter to respond to emergency calls on the street.

### **RADIO SYSTEM**

The radio system appears to be in good operating order, with no major problems noted at this time.

### **HEALTH AND SAFETY**

The exhaust system for the apparatus has been partially completed. Rather than install the type with hoses hanging from the ceiling area, we purchased a system from Ward LaFrance Diesel. This system is unique in that it actually attaches to the exhaust of the vehicle. It operates when the vehicle is started for a specific period of time, and then shuts off automatically. When the vehicle is placed in reverse the system automatically turns on again.

One advantage to this system is that it can be re-used on a new vehicle when purchased. It is simply removed from the vehicle we are replacing and re-installed on the new vehicle. It works on a filter system, which requires replacing annually. We need to purchase two additional units to complete our inventory.

### **TRAINING AND EDUCATION**

As in the past year, the Department continues to conduct regular training sessions for its members in certain fields. The departments Paramedic's have to seek their training outside of the Department in order to maintain their status in the Advance Life Support Field. We have purchased several programs such as defensive driving techniques for both the fire apparatus and the ambulance.

### **EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**

For over twenty years now, the Middleton Fire Department has been providing various levels of emergency care to the citizens of the community. Currently the Department offers two levels of emergency care. The first level, BLS (basic life support), consists of patient assessment, oxygen therapy, splinting, bleeding control, and epi-pen administration and defibrillator use. The second level, which is ALS (advanced life support), consists of all the above with the addition of intravenous therapy, medication administration, electrocardiogram use and advanced airway management. Currently the Department has 6 persons trained at the advanced level and 19 at the basic level.

Emergency medical services play a major role in Department services to the community. In addition to routine emergency responses, the ambulance responds to structure fires, hazardous materials incidents, wildland fires and motor vehicle accidents. The ambulance also plays a vital role in rehabilitation services to those rescue personnel involved in various incidents.



The Department continues to conduct its own training and education as required by local, state and federal statutes. Department members receive a wide variety of lectures, including treatment of both medical emergencies and traumatic injuries, updated reviews of the local and state protocols and any changes that may occur involving patient care. On occasion, both Mark E. Allara, M.D. from the family practice here in Middleton and Sandra Wozniak, M.D. from Northeast Health systems in Beverly assist the department in training and education. Their vast medical knowledge and experience is considered to be a valuable part of the training process that is required to be efficient in all aspects of patient care.

In addition, emergency medical services plays a major role in public education and awareness, offering free blood pressure clinics, CPR and first aid training. Both the American Heart Association and the National Safety Council currently recognize the Department as an authorized trainer in both CPR and first aid training.

The E.M.S. division also conducts training for various private organizations as well, including Bell Atlantic, Essex County Sheriff Headquarters, and any Town department that wishes to be trained.

The E.M.S. division also works closely with the various schools and day care providers in providing tours of the ambulance to both pupils and teachers. This results in a better understanding of our operations and helps to alleviate any fears that may occur during a medical emergency.

As always, the Middleton Fire Department strives to provide the best patient care possible and will continue to do so for many years to come.

### **FIRE PREVENTION ACTIVITIES**

The Fire Prevention Division has again experienced a very busy year. Inspection activity has been active due to the continued construction of new homes and businesses. In addition, there have been numerous inspections of existing homes and businesses that have undergone additions and/or renovations. In terms of

fire safety education, the Department continues to make numerous visits to schools and day care centers. Many local businesses have participated in our fire extinguisher training class, which has been a great learning experience for all who attend. Other examples of our commitment to promote fire prevention are classes for the elderly, public service announcements on the local cable channel, and handouts for the school children.

During this fiscal year, the Department again received a S.A.F.E. (Student Awareness of Fire Education) grant from the Commonwealth. The money was used to enhance our fire safety education programs through additional training and materials. Firefighters have visited the schools more frequently and have provided up-to-date training programs that included "Play Safe, Be Safe" for preschoolers and "Safe-T-Rider" for second graders.

"Play Safe, Be Safe" was made available by the Bic Corporation and has been a great success in teaching basic fire safety to the preschool and kindergarten children. The "Safe-T-Rider" program was provided by the Elevator/Escalator Safety Foundation. The entire second grade participated in this free program which was both enjoyable and educational. The subject of the program was the safe and proper way of riding escalators, elevators and moving walks.

Last year the S.A.F.E. grant allowed the Department to purchase a "Sparky the Fire Dog" suit, which continues to be a favorite of the young children. In addition, plastic fire helmets, "Tot Finders" stickers, plastic fire badges, book covers, pencils, pamphlets, and calendars are available for distribution to the public.



Remember that fire can strike without warning. To be safe you have to be ready. Take the time now to complete a home fire safety check. Install **smoke detectors** if you haven't already. For those who have already installed detectors be sure they are clean and free of dust. Test the batteries monthly and replace the batteries yearly. Sit down



with family members and devise a **family escape plan** for your home. The plan should include Two (2) ways out of every room, plus a meeting place out of the building. Purchase a multi-purpose **(ABC) fire extinguisher** and learn how to use it properly. The extinguisher should be located near exit doors.



One issue that continues to raise many questions and concerns by the public is the **danger of carbon monoxide poisoning**. Carbon monoxide (CO) is a colorless, odorless, and highly toxic gas. Carbon monoxide is a by-product of combustion, present whenever fuel is burned. Common home appliances, such as gas or oil furnaces, clothes dryers, water heaters (gas or oil fired), automobiles, and wood stoves produce CO.

Malfunctioning heating equipment, blocked chimneys, indoor use of barbecue grills, use of cooking appliances for heating purposes, poor ventilation, and automobile exhaust in an attached garage can cause carbon monoxide to enter a home. If carbon monoxide goes undetected and the levels increase, carbon monoxide poisoning can occur. Symptoms such as headaches, dizziness, weakness, nausea, vomiting, tightening of the chest, convulsions, redness of the eyes, sleepiness, confusion and ringing of the ears are some of the effects of carbon monoxide on the body. Prolonged exposure can lead to unconsciousness, brain damage, or death.

To protect yourself and your family from carbon monoxide poisoning, install at least one **carbon monoxide detector** near the sleeping area. An additional detector near the home heat source can provide extra protection. Choose Underwriters Laboratories (UL) listed detectors that sound an audible alarm. In addition to installing carbon monoxide detectors, residents should regularly inspect and service potential problem sources on carbon monoxide.



If you or your family members encounter any danger signs of carbon monoxide poisoning, if there is a suspicion that a carbon monoxide problem exists, or if a carbon monoxide detector activates, evacuate the home immediately and call the Fire Department. The firefighters can render emergency care and also use special equipment to measure the levels of carbon monoxide in the home.

Another issue of concern is the increasing number of fires that have been started by candles. According to the State Fire Marshal, there were 290 fires in Massachusetts caused by candles during 1998. Of the 290 fires, 90% were residential structure fires. Candles caused 260 residential structure fires, three civilian deaths, 26 civilian injuries, 47 firefighter injuries and an estimated dollar loss of \$3,203,017. The following is a list of candle safety tips:

- Burn candles in the center of a one-foot circle of safety, free of anything that can burn.
- Stay in the room with candles; do not leave unattended.
- Burn candles on a non-combustible surface such as a ceramic saucer, or plate.
- Be sure to snuff out candles before falling asleep, going out, or leaving the room.
- Keep candles out of the reach of small children and pets.

If you would like some help in planning a home fire escape plan, if you would like a home fire safety check, or if you have any questions concerning fire safety or fire prevention, contact the Fire Department at (978) 774-2466. Arrangements can be made to help you keep your home fire safe. The Department has two slide programs on "Preventing Home Fires" and "Escaping Home Fires" and also numerous videos on fire safety, which are available to be viewed for your education.

### **FIRE SAFETY** **TIPS TO REMEMBER**

- Install a least one smoke detector on each level of your home.
- DO NOT disable a smoke detector when it sounds.
- Know what to do after a detector sounds.
- Plan a home escape route in the event of a fire.
- Install at least one carbon monoxide detector.

<b>INSPECTIONS &amp; PERMITS</b>		
Oil Burner Inspection	35	
Reinspection	5	
Permits Issued		35
Fire Alarm Inspection	124	
Reinspection	20	
Permits Issued		124
Liquid Propane Storage	32	
Reinspection	4	
Permits Issued		32
Tank Truck Inspection	10	
Reinspection	1	
Permits Issued		10
Blasting Permit	8	
Blast Witnessed	35	
Permits Issued		8

<b>MISCELLANEOUS PERMITS</b>		
Sprinkler Permits	8	
Flammable Liquid	12	
Tent Permit	6	
Tar Kettle	0	
Welding / Cutting	8	
Underground Tank Removal	19	
Plans Review (residential, fire & heat detection, sprinklers, and fire extinguishers).	108	
Burning Permit Issued		372
Calls for permission to burn	1253	

**NOTE:** Burning Permits are good for one (1) season, but a call to the fire department **MUST BE MADE ON EACH DAY OF BURNING.**



## **FIRE ALARM**






The fire alarm system is in excellent repair and condition. Maintenance and care of the system is the key to reliable, cost effective operation. The fire alarm system is cared for in its entirety by the Superintendent of Fire Alarm, and remains basically self-supporting through fees charged directly to the users. All Town owned buildings are protected by the system. Expansion of the system continues at a rapid rate again this year due to many construction projects in progress. All costs associated with the expansion process are borne by the developers and/or builder.



***FOR FIRE  
& EMERGENCY  
CALL 9-1-1***

**Provide the telecommunicator  
with the following information:**

-  Your name.
-  The address where the emergency is located.

-  What the emergency is.
-  How many people are injured or need help.
-  What is being done for the victims.
-  Your telephone number.
-  **DO NOT HANG UP UNTIL TOLD TO!**

In the event you have no telephone, use the fire alarm box in your area. **STAY** at the fire alarm box until apparatus and personnel arrive. Immediately direct them to the problem.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Addition of six (6) full time firefighters

Addition of one (1) full time fire prevention inspector

Replacement of Engine 3 (1979 Ward LaFrance pump)

Addition of three (3) E 9-1-1 telecommunicators (dispatchers)  
to augment weekend and night shifts

Replace Rescue 1

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Board of Selectmen, Town Administrator, Department Heads and the Citizens of the Town of Middleton for your continued cooperation during the past year.

To the members of the Department and your families, thank you for your assistance throughout the past year. Your dedication toward providing safety to the residents of the town is very much in my thoughts at all times, as well as your well being.

Respectfully submitted,

Henry Michalski, Jr.  
Chief of Department







# MIDDLETON POLICE DEPARTMENT

The following is the report and activity statistics of the Middleton Police Department  
from July 1, 1998 to June 30, 1999.

## DEPARTMENT ROSTER

Paul F. Armitage, Chief of Police  
James A. DiGianvittorio, Sergeant  
John E. Jones, Sergeant  
Gayle F. Haley, Sergeant  
James J. DeCosta, Patrolman  
Robert A. Cumier, Patrolman  
Robert T. Peachey, Jr., Patrolman  
Ronald S. Carpenter, Patrolman  
Thomas M. McParland, Patrolman  
David E. Arathuzik, Patrolman  
Steven A. Skory, Patrolman

## RESERVE OFFICERS

James W. Kelley, Patrolman  
Leonard J. Ferreira, Patrolman  
William J. Corey, Patrolman  
Richard A. Mendes, Patrolman  
Richard W. Kassiotis, Patrolman  
Charles R. Costigan, Patrolman  
Raymond L. Saulnier, Patrolman  
Brian J. Kelley, Patrolman  
James A. LeDuc, Patrolman  
John S. Griffith, Patrolman  
Gary K. Lacey, Patrolman  
James D. Bernhard, Patrolman

## CLERK/DISPATCHERS

Nancy A. McParland  
Kris A. Stickney

## SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS

Marcia A. Swift

## DEPARTMENT CHAPLAINS

Rev. Jon C. Martin  
Rev. Paul Sangree

### SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS

**Sergeant DiGianvittorio**

1. Scheduling Officer
2. Firearms Officer
3. Accreditation Officer
4. Court Activity Supervisor
5. Firearms Licensing Officer

**Sergeant Jones**

1. Juvenile Officer
2. Facilities Manager
3. Fleet Supervisor

**Sergeant Haley**

1. D.A.R.E. Officer
2. Domestic Violence Officer
3. Training Officer
4. Drug Officer
5. Accreditation Officer

**Officer DeCosta**

1. Court Officer
2. Photo/Fingerprint Officer

**Officer Currier**

1. Safety Officer
2. LEAPS Computer Officer

**Officer Peachey**

1. Bicycle Officer
2. LEAPS Computer Officer

**Officer Carpenter**

1. Bicycle Officer

**Officer Mendes**

1. Jail Liaison Officer

**Officer Costigan**

1. Computer Consultant

**Officer Saulnier**

1. Department Mechanic

### IN MEMORIAM

We remember the following members of the Middleton Police Department  
and their years of service:

<i>Sergeant Lloyd Getchell</i>	<i>1946 - 1967</i>
<i>Chief James Wentworth</i>	<i>1947 - 1971</i>
<i>Chief Edward Richardson</i>	<i>1962 - 1988</i>
<i>Officer Paul Peters</i>	<i>1970 - 1983</i>
<i>Sergeant Edward Couture</i>	<i>1974 - 1997</i>

**May They Rest In Peace**

## POLICE INCIDENTS

July 1, 1998 to June 30, 1999

911 Hang Up	64
A & B With Weapon	1
Accident - Hit & Run	22
Accident - Pedestrian	1
Accident - No Personal Injuries	191
Accident - Personal Injuries	57
Alarms - Business/Residential	656
Alcohol Violation	5
Ambulance Assistance	201
Animal Complaint	81
Annoying Calls	16
Assault	19
Assist Agency	224
Assist Others	136
Attempt To Serve Process	14
Attempted B & E	9
Attempted Larceny	3
B & E - Building	11
B & E - Dwelling	12
B & E - Motor Vehicle	12
Building Check	10
By-Law Violation	1
Carrying Weapon	1
Cease & Desist	1
Check Well Being	39
Citizen Complaint	120
Civil Matter	17
Community Policing	50
Confidential Report	1
Delegated Patrol	754
Detective Investigation	8
Disorderly/Disturbance	51
Dispute	50
Disturbed Person	9
Domestic, Domestic Abuse	30
Drug Violation	7
Emergency Service	2
Erratic Operation	60

Fire Alarm	125
Forgery/Counterfeiting	2
Fraud/Bad Check	13
General Service	242
Harassment	33
Illegal Dumping	11
Indecent A & B	1
Injury On Duty	1
Intoxicated Person	3
Juvenile Offense	9
Larceny from Motor Vehicle	3
Larceny/Theft	100
Lewd/Lascivious	1
Liquor Check	3
Littering	1
Lost Item	47
Malicious Destruction	57
Messenger/Mail Delivery	15
Minor Transporting	1
Mischievous Activity	17
Missing Person	17
Motor Vehicle - Disabled	116
Motor Vehicle - Stop	64
Motor Vehicle - Theft	6
Motor Vehicle Complaint	62
Noise Complaint	43
Notification	25
Operating Under The Influence Of Liquor	17
Parking Complaint/Violation	6
Property Found	31
Property Held	2
Protective Custody	32
Rape	2
Receiving Stolen Vehicle	1
Recovered Motor Vehicle	2
Repossession	8
Request Officer	19
Revoked F.I.D. Card	4

<b>POLICE INCIDENTS (con't)</b>	
Revoked Permit to Carry	1
Road Obstruction	21
Road Rage	1
Robbery	2
Runaway	9
Service 209A	14
Service Request	23
Shoplifting	12
Solicitors	9
Stalking	1
Suicide Or Attempt	4
Suspicious MV and/or Persons	280
Threat	26
Traffic Obstruction	8
Trespassing	12
Unfounded Call	25
Unwanted Guest	11
Vandalism	27
Warrant Arrest	45
<b>TOTAL POLICE INCIDENTS</b>	<b>4619</b>



<b>ARREST OFFENSE TOTALS July 1, 1998 to June 30, 1999</b>	
A & B – Aggravated	1
A & B On Public Servant	1
Allowing Operation Of MV by Improper Person	1
Assault DW	1
Assault With Intent To Rape	1
Assault - Dangerous Weapon	1
Attaching Plates To MV	1
B & E Day-Intent To Commit Felony	1
B & E Night – Bldg.- Intent	1
Defective Equipment	4
Disorderly Person	2
Domestic A & B	1
Drinking Alcohol From Open Container	1
Drinking Alcohol From Open Container & Operating MV	1
Drug Offenses	9
Failure To Signal	1
Failure To Stop For Police	3
Failure To Yield On State Highway	1
Failure To Keep Right	1
Failure To Stop For School Bus	1
False Name To Police Officer	3
Liquor ID/MV License, Using Another	1
Leaving Scene After Property Damage	2
Malicious Destruction	3
Marked Lanes Violation	7
Minor Transporting And/Or Carrying Alcohol	4
MV Inspection Sticker Expired	1



ARREST OFFENSE TOTALS (con't)	
Operating Motor Vehicle After License Revoked	3
Operating Motor Vehicle After Suspension	8
Operating Motor Vehicle With Unnecessary Noise	1
Operating So As To Endanger	4
Operating Without License In Possession	2
Operating After Revocation – Substance Offense	1
Operating Motor Vehicle After Suspension For Drunk Driving	1
OUI Of Drugs	2
OUI Of Drugs – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Offense	1
OUI Of Liquor	5
OUI Of Liquor – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Offense	2
OUI Of Liquor – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Offense	2
OUI Of Liquor – 4 <sup>th</sup> Offense	1
Red Light	2
Resisting Arrest	1
Revoked Registration	3
Seat Belt Violations	4
Selling/Delivering Alcoholic Beverage to Minor	1
Shoplifting	5
Speeding	5
Taking MV Without Authority	1
Threats To Commit A Crime	1
Trespassing – Land Dwelling	1
Uninsured	6
Unlicensed Operation Of A Motor Vehicle	4
Unregistered Motor Vehicle	2
Violation 209A Warrant Arrests	3
<b>TOTAL OFFENSES WHICH RESULTED IN 120 ARRESTS</b>	<b>172</b>

*MOTOR VEHICLE VIOLATIONS	
July 1, 1998 to June 30, 1999	
* Includes the following:	
402 Warnings	
1206 Civil Violations	
73 Complaint Applications	
56 Arrests	
Allowing Improper Operation	7
Attaching Plates	14
Defective Equipment	118
Drinking While Driving	5
Endangering	14
False Name To Police Officer	4
Failure To Dim Lights	3
Failure To Display Plate Sticker	7
Failure To Notify RMV Of Address Change	28
Failure To Obey Police Officer	12
Failure To Remove Keys – MV	2
Failure To Show License & Reg.	1
Failure To Stop For Pedestrian In Crosswalk	16
Failure To Yield	7
Following Too Closely	11
Hit & Run Property Damage	5
Harsh Noise	8
Impeded Operation	5
Inspection Sticker Violation	321
Junior License Hours	1
Left Turn Violation	5
Load Extension	1

Motor Vehicle Violations (con't)	
Marked Lanes Violation	118
Missing License Plate	136
No License In Possession	94
No Registration In Possession	38
Operating After Suspension	34
Operating After Revocation	12
Operating Under Influence	26
Passing Violation	58
Possession Of Class A	1
Possession Of Class C	1
Racing	1
Red Light Violation	187
Revoked Registration	17
School Bus Violation	18
Seat Belt Violation	577
Speeding Violation	745
Spilling Load	2
Stop Sign Violation	50
Tinted Glass Violation	14
Tire Extension	1
Unattended Motor Vehicle	2
Unauthorized Use of MV	2
Uninsured / Unregistered Operation Of A MV	70
Yellow Light Violation	8
<b>TOTAL MOTOR VEHICLE VIOLATIONS</b>	<b>2907</b>



ACCIDENT TOTALS BY LOCATION	
July 1, 1998 to June 30, 1999	
Boston Street	12
Central Street	3
Currier Road	1
DeBush Avenue	1
East Street	11
Elm Street	2
Essex Street	2
Evans Road	1
Forest Street	3
Gates Road	1
Hilldale Avenue	2
Kenney Road	2
Liberty Street	5
Locust Street	1
Logbridge Road	1
Lt. J. Cabral Drive	2
Manning Avenue	4
Maple Street	25
Mill Street	1
North Liberty Street	2
North Main Street	54
Park Street	2
Peabody Street	5
River Street	8
Ryer Lane	2
Second Avenue	1
South Main Street	127
The Greenway	1
Thunder Bridge Lane	1
Village Road	4
Parking Lots	7
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>294</b>

# CHIEF'S REPORT

July 1998 (FY99) was the beginning of my second year as Chief of Police. As we started the year I looked forward with hopeful anticipation to "better things to come" and with only slightly less trepidation than last year. My concerns were unfounded. It was a great year.

Sergeant Haley will address training this past year for the personnel on the Department in her report. As Chief of the Department it is important that I also stay abreast of current changes in the law enforcement field. To that end I attended monthly meetings of the Essex County Police Chiefs Association and the Massachusetts Police Chiefs Association. In addition to maintaining my CPR, First Responder and Firearms Certification, I attended numerous days of training in subjects such as computer technology, grant writing, civil liability, officers injured on duty, use of force, rules, regulations and discipline, law enforcement technology, law enforcement and the media, firearms laws and licensing, classes at the New England Institute of Law Enforcement and the Annual Massachusetts Chiefs of Police three day training seminar.

I also attended the Annual International Association of Chiefs of Police Education and Technology Exposition in Salt Lake City, Utah. This five-day working conference is recognized as the world's largest meeting of law enforcement officers. Each year, IACP enjoys the participation of over 12,000 police chiefs, senior law enforcement officials, exhibitors and various police executives representing the United States and nations worldwide. During the conference delegates can participate in carefully selected educational seminars and assemblies concerning a wide variety of key contemporary law enforcement issues. The

IACP Annual Conference also offers opportunities for networking with delegates.

Through a series of opportunities-meetings, discussion groups and workshops law enforcement officials from around the world establish formal and informal lines of communication.

For those of you watching (and for very good reason) the nickels and dimes, I should point out that the aforementioned Exposition was at my expense and not the Town's.



The Department started two new programs this past year that should be of interest to various segments of our population. Officer Robert Currier spent a week at a very intensive school so that he could be certified as a *Child Safety Seat Technician*. Parents and even grandparents of young children are encouraged to call the station and leave a message for Bob. Bob works the evening shift, which should make it convenient for a number of parents. If there is enough interest I will make arrangements to have him available on select dates during the day.

We also joined the U.S. Department of Justice and the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety in a collaborative effort to offer residents the opportunity to participate in the *Watch Your Car Program*. This program allows motor vehicle owners to display a front and back Watch Your Car decal on their vehicle, signifying to police that a participating owner's vehicle is not customarily driven between the hours of 1:00 AM and 5:00 AM. A vehicle owner that chooses to participate in the Watch Your





Car decal program voluntarily consents to having his or her automobile stopped during the program hours for the purpose of determining ownership and identity of the automobile and driver. Since offering this program, I have heard some negative comments as I speak with folks across the town. Understand that this is a voluntary program being offered for your benefit. No one is telling you that you have to participate or even that you should participate. This program is offered to those who want an added measure of security for their motor vehicle. If you have any questions, you are welcome to contact me during the day or Officer Currier after 5:00 PM.

### Personnel

In October of 1998, Officer David Arathuzik graduated from the Reading Police Academy run by the Massachusetts Criminal Justice Training Council. Officer Steven Skory also graduated from the same Academy in March of 1999. The Academy is a mandated twenty-one week program during which officers improve their physical fitness and participate in classroom study so that they might be better prepared to serve the residents of Middleton and the Commonwealth. Dave and Steve are valuable assets to the Middleton Police Department and I am pleased to have them on board. With the completion of their academics we are finally back at the staffing level of July 1997.

We also had the good fortune (Grace of God?) to have two clergymen join the Department this year. Father Jon Martin of Saint Agnes Church and Pastor Paul Sangree of the Middleton Congregational Church agreed to serve as Department Chaplains. Unfortunately, police officers tend to see society at its worst. The members of your department often have to deal with citizens in the midst of domestic arguments, sometimes violent, and with people whose consumption of alcohol or illegal substances have made dealing with them difficult (at best). Observation of violent trauma, accidental or intentional, is a frequent task assigned to these officers. Unattended and violent deaths are not strangers to the people who serve and

protect you. The services of Father Jon and Pastor Paul, along with accessibility to the Tri-Town Counseling Service, are but a small beginning to what I hope will eventually be a valuable human resource asset available to our officers.

### Grants

Again this year we were fortunate to be able to avail ourselves of Federal and State grants. Through the combined efforts of myself and Sergeants Digianvittorio and Haley, we benefited from close to \$50,000 in grants which allowed us to continue last year's programs, including D.A.R.E., the Citizen Police Academy, specialized training, internet access, Middleton Police Department Web Page, the Massachusetts Police Accreditation Program, drunk driving patrols and seatbelt and child safety seat enforcement.

If I can editorialize for a line or two, **seat belts save lives, folks.** I cannot emphasize enough the importance of making sure that our children are safely belted in, or in an approved safety seat. And the best example we can give them is to wear the belts ourselves. **Plus, it's the law!** But I digress...We were able to use some of those grant funds to place non-uniformed police officers in liquor stores to enforce violation of liquor laws and purchased a new computer which connects us with police departments and data bases worldwide.

When you have time, please visit our web site at [www.mdc.net/~mpdpolice/](http://www.mdc.net/~mpdpolice/). Also feel free to email us at [mpdpolice@netway.com](mailto:mpdpolice@netway.com).



### Equipment

This year, as a result of the agreement of Town Meeting, I was able to purchase portable radios for fulltime officers that replaced much older, tired equipment. Our fifteen-year-old desk console was also



replaced. I am continuing to work with Senator Bruce Tarr and Sheriff Frank Cousins to replace a damaged antenna tower we use at the Essex County Correctional Facility. I am fairly certain that the tower will be replaced during FY2000.

In August I was fortunate to be assigned three residents of the Essex County Correctional Alternative Center in Lawrence. These men did an excellent job of repairing woodwork and painting the police station. (I happen to like the color. If you don't, donate the paint the next time.) In December the installation of our new Middleton Police Department sign authorized by Town Meeting was completed. I'm very proud of the appearance of our facility and I hope that you are too.

At the urging of the State Department of Health I spent additional dollars repairing and/or replacing what they considered suicide risks in our juvenile cell. As the safeguards and requirements become more and more stringent, I am looking forward to the day when we can turn over to the Correctional Facility the bulk of our prisoner watch responsibilities. At present they are able to offer safe keep for our warrant arrests. This service saved us a possible \$4,000 this year. Sheriff Cousins is investigating the possibility of a centralized facility for the safe keep of municipal prisoners and I will be monitoring his efforts.



## Recommendations

As previously stated, during FY2000 the antenna tower at the ECCF should be completed. When I am satisfied that our front line communication equipment is up to snuff I will begin to address the needs of the back-up system. At the least, I suspect that we will need repeaters in the area of South Middleton but that will be a topic for a future Town Meeting.

This year the Board of Selectmen, the Finance Committee, and the voters agreed to increase my training budget. Fulltime officers are now required to complete range training twice a year and benefit from four

days of in-service training at the Reading Academy. I intend to increase the Department's training requirements each year and the cost of this training is money very well spent, as it helps to reduce our liability in this age of civil litigation.

I had intended to present to the last Town Meeting a proposal to improve our communications area and make better use of our existing facility. Instead it was decided to form a Police Station Space Committee. Hopefully we will have a project for your consideration at a future Town Meeting.

Last year I was able to send our training officer, Sergeant Gayle Haley, to a school for certification as a Field Training Officer. As schools become available this coming year I hope to send Sergeant James DiGianvittorio and Sergeant Jack Jones. Future reserve and fulltime officers will then have the benefit of their expertise and training. All of which, as previously mentioned, will help to reduce the Town's liability in the event of a lawsuit. I am doing my best to distance us from the day when I came on the Department armed with my personal revolver and only common sense and best intentions.

Last year we unsuccessfully sought Federal grant money to purchase lap top computers for the police cruisers. This technology will allow our officers the ability to check with state and national databases from the field. More importantly, it will allow them to access the Middleton Police Department database to ascertain domestic violence information, previous history data and gun license records. The importance of this is obvious since after six in the evening there is no one at the police station to relay that information. I will continue to seek grant funds in this regard.

Along the same lines regarding officer and resident safety, I intend to propose the employment of two additional police officers. We are rapidly approaching a population of 7,000. National statistics indicate that we should have fourteen officers. We have, including myself, eleven. Although we have managed to keep up with the calls for service, it would be poor management on

my part to wait until we fall behind before recommending increasing the size of the force. Two more officers will allow us to have three officers on duty from 9:00 AM until 1:00 AM seven days a week. It will also give us the convenience of having the station open during these hours, thus eliminating the need to bring in officers on an overtime basis for prisoner watch. It will additionally allow us to provide services to residents both over the counter and on the phone. The most important bonus to this scenario is that in the event the two officers on the road need assistance or fall behind on calls, the station officer can still leave, switching the phones to the 911 communication center at Fire Headquarters.

### Acknowledgements

This year I'd like to start by acknowledging the assistance of dozens of residents who make the Annual Pumpkin Festival and Fourth of July Parade a success. Our officers put a lot of time and effort into this, but the events would not be possible without the assistance of all of the volunteers.

During the past year the officers of your department were called upon to keep the peace at a labor (strike) situation involving a large corporation in Middleton. We have never before dealt with such a situation and our people performed admirably, as did the folks on the picket line.

In October of 1998 all of the Commonwealth Police Departments were impacted by a major change in the gun laws. To those folks who were patient and continue to be so as we work out all the bugs in this new law, I say "thank you." To the folks at Town Meeting who allowed me to use the resources necessary for this endeavor, I say "thank you." I also need to express my thanks to Sergeant DiGianvittorio to whom fell the responsibility of making it all work.

Along with Sergeant Digi, Sergeant Jones and Sergeant Haley are responsible not only for supervising shifts, but also for making sure that the Department functions as one unit. Gayle knows the importance I place on training and education. Her assistance as Training Officer is immeasurable. And Jack

has to constantly put up with email from me stating, "Blank doesn't work, get it fixed."

I can't say enough about the support that I receive from my secretary Nancy McParland, and also Kris Stickney who fills in for Nancy when she is helping me keep the administrative side of the place functioning.

Without mentioning them individually, it is a pleasure to work with the department heads and all of their staff as we work collectively to ensure that this is a safe, efficient and affordable community.

I do have to make mention of Chief Henry Michalski and all of the members of his very talented Fire Department. As I noted last year, we make a great team!

As usual I extend my thanks to the Massachusetts State Police and members of the surrounding police departments for many helping hands this past year.

The spirit of cooperation and support from the office of the Board of Selectmen and Town Administrator and all the staff at Memorial Hall has certainly made my job easier.



Most importantly, and only lastly because I want this thought to be foremost in the reader's mind, I want to thank each and every one of the members of the Middleton Police Department. I'm proud to be associated with you. I'm proud of your accomplishments, many of which go unheralded, and I thank you for the credit that I receive for all of your good work.



# FIREARMS INSTRUCTOR

As Firearms Instructor for the Middleton Police Department, I attended a Firearms Instructor Recertification Program, which was given by the Massachusetts Criminal Justice Training Council. This year a new program was instituted by the Council which puts more emphasis on actual shooting scenarios rather than just trying to put holes in a piece of paper. The Council has given instructors numerous courses to train with. The program I chose is a combination of combat shooting as well as real life confrontations. The goal is to make tactical shooters, rather than target shooters.

In the past, police officers were not taught multiple advisory (rapid firing) shootings. This year I instructed the officers in a program that will assist them in the event of multiple advisory confrontations. The Training Council has given instructors a bit more leeway at the on-range portion of the qualifications. The Council requires all courses shot to be documented and submitted with the officer's final qualification score of 80% or better.

On January 7, 1998 I conducted an In-Service Training Program where, once again, the officers had to demonstrate safe weapon handling, familiarity with their weapons and the ability to disassemble, clean, inspect and reassemble the pistol.

I'm very proud to report that all the members of the Middleton Police Department successfully completed the range portion of the program. Every officer scored 80% or better. I would like to add a special note of praise to Sgt. Haley and Officer Currier and Reserve Officers Kelley and Corey for exceptional work at the range. All officers, **KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK.**

The Police Department also trained again this year in low light conditions "Night Firing". Statistics show that most officer-involved shootings occur in either low

light or dim light firing and in the past most departments failed to train their officers in these conditions, including the Middleton Police Department. The officers were astonished at the difficulty that the low light conditions play on a shooting scenario.

As we move into the year 2000, the Middleton Police Department will be looking into the new and modern technology in the field of Firearms Training and Officer Survival. The Chief has sent me to school this past year to learn about current threats to our society, such as "Weapons of Mass Destruction".

We as police officers have to worry, not only about the criminal with a gun or knife, but as we see all too often in this country on the television or in the newspaper, people committing heinous crimes against innocent people in small towns not unlike Middleton.

This past year Chief Armitage sent me to become certified as a Police Hostage Negotiator. This training was conducted by the F.B.I. and consisted of a one week intense hands-on training course.

Again this year, the Middleton Police Department would like to thank the Danvers Fish and Game Club for their cooperation and support in assisting us in range time qualifications and those range masters who volunteered their time to assist us at the range.

## HOME STORAGE OF FIREARMS

**Family Considerations:** If you have a family, your responsibility does not end with the proper storage of firearms. It is necessary to educate family members regarding the responsibility of having firearms in the house and the safety considerations involved. In this case, education should attempt to place the proper perspective for your spouse and children.

The two extremes to be avoided are:

1. Do not make the firearm into a "Forbidden Fruit".
2. Do not treat it so lightly that a child will consider it a toy to play with.

The family should understand that it is a firearm with no innate quality of good or evil. Depending on how it is used it can be used to defend life or take it. Children over the age of four should be helped to understand that the real firearm is unlike the guns used to shoot each other in cartoons. Cartoons don't get hurt or die. When real people are shot with real guns they are seriously injured or killed.

If your child has experienced death through the loss of a relative or pet, you might use this as an example. This may be traumatic to the child and you. However, this is a small price to pay for the desired result-SAFETY.

Experiences suggest that if one looks ahead and takes the time to plan for the unexpected and if family members are educated about firearms and the home safety rules are agreed upon, then a moment of carelessness may not result in tragedy.

As a side note I would like to take this time to inform those who do not know about the Massachusetts Gun Control Act of 1998. The new law has significantly changed the requirements regarding the purchase, possession, carrying and storage and licensing of firearms. This law also increases the criminal penalties for unlawful possession and use of firearms.

◆ Effective June 1, 1998, all new firearm license applicants must complete a certified firearms safety or hunters education course.

◆ Effective October 21, 1998, all firearms MUST be stored in a locked container or be equipped with an approved locking device.

◆ Effective October 21, 1998, the law imposes a ban on covert guns, unreliable guns (junk guns) and certain assault weapons.

◆ Effective October 21, 1998, the law established a new category of large capacity weapons and feeding devices. A weapon is large capacity if it is: A semiautomatic handgun or rifle that is capable of accepting a feeding device that holds more than 10 rounds, or more than 5 shotgun shells (in the case of a shotgun).

Anyone with questions should feel free to contact me at the Police Station or visit our web site.

## OCAT INSTRUCTOR

### Oleo Resin Capsicum (O.C. Instructor)

Each member of the Middleton Police Department was again recertified in the use and effects of Oleo Resin Capsicum.

O.C. is classified as an inflammatory agent, and is used as a tool by the police for the protection of both the public and the officer. Each officer must pass a test and receive training as to the effects and treatment of the O.C. Spray.

Each member of the Middleton Police Department has, at one time or another, been exposed to the spray during training and has been responsible for the decontamination and treatment of themselves or another officer.

The theory behind each officer being sprayed during training is to give validity and hands on experience if needed, to testify to its effects when using it on an unwilling subject.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. DiGianvittorio, Sergeant



# JUVENILE OFFICER

As the department's Juvenile Officer, I have continued to work with our teenagers and parents who have been in need of assistance in our community.

On a monthly basis the Juvenile Officers of the Tri-Town area and officials of the Masconomet Regional School District meet to discuss our mutual problems. The guest community, at their facility or that of a participating organization, holds these meetings on a rotating basis.

I have also attended meetings hosted by the Tri-Town Council and seminars given by the District Attorney's Office on Teenage Violence and Abuse, Search and Seizure Issues, Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting, Community Collaborative Initiative, Civil Rights, Juvenile, Teenage Crime and Violence, and Violence Prevention. This collaborative consists of representatives from the District Attorney's Office, Court Probation, Masconomet teaching staff and the guidance department. There are various representatives from the Department of Social Services, Department of Youth Services, the Department of Mental Health and surrounding Police Departments.

The goal of these meetings is to allow us the opportunity for early intervention and prevention efforts. We consult on violence prevention initiatives and strategies. These meetings provide a valuable resource by cutting down on the duplication of efforts, sharing of ideas and strategies to assist individuals who may be headed to "high risk" behavior, be it drugs, alcohol, abuse, or crime.

The uses of alcoholic beverages and drugs by teenagers are problems that concern us. Many feel that if they have to make a choice between alcohol or drugs, that alcohol is the lesser of two evils.

However, both are dangerous to the user! If you know or hear of anyone who is in need of help, please do not hesitate to contact the Police Department. All calls will be held strictly confidential! Our goal is to maintain a safe and healthy environment for our town and its citizens.

Respectfully submitted,

Sgt. John E. Jones



# D.A.R.E.

## Drug Abuse Resistance Education

Once again the Middleton Police Department received a grant from the Executive Office of Public Safety and the Governor's Alliance Against Drugs to help fund the D.A.R.E. program. The program was offered to sixth grade students. The core curriculum consisting of a one-hour class per week for seventeen weeks took the students through a variety of lessons.



During the course of the program students had an opportunity to participate in a basketball tournament over the school vacation week. Despite the stiff competition, Brett Anderson came out victorious. As part of the alternative to drug use lesson the entire sixth grade took part in a walking trip to Richardson's Dairy. Students were treated to two rounds of miniature golf and lunch before returning to school.

Each student that successfully completed the program competed in an essay contest based on what they learned. One student was chosen as the winner and represented the Town of Middleton at the State D.A.R.E. Graduation held at the State House in Boston. Jessica DiPaolo was named this year's winner and was among the 352 students from across the State of Massachusetts to be awarded a State certificate. Runners up in the contest were Peter Saulnier and Scott Saulnier. Both boys were awarded medals at the local culmination ceremony.

The culmination ceremony was held at the Howe-Manning School for parents and students. Those students who committed to successfully completing the program and saying no to drugs and violence each received a certificate and a tee shirt.

Chief Paul Armitage and Dr. M. Baxter were on hand to present the certificates and give the students a few words of wisdom and encouragement in preparation for their move to Masconomet Regional Junior High School.

As part of a grant award students were once again able to attend a one-day adventure based ropes course at the University of New Hampshire. Students and teachers along with several Middleton Police Officers traveled by bus to the Browne Center at the University of New Hampshire where they were met by University staff members.

While students broke into groups and headed out to experience the great outdoors, the teachers and officers were trained in the art of belaying (safely controlling a rope and harness system). Once that was mastered, the groups were reunited. Then the fun began. Students were presented various aerial obstacles, some 20-30 feet high, which they challenged themselves to overcome. Since they had to trust the teacher or the officer holding the belay ropes close working relationships were formed. The students enjoyed the informal interaction with the teachers and the officers. The police officers enjoyed getting to know the students and helping them push themselves to accomplish more than they thought possible. Every student participated and had the opportunity to experience success. The weather cooperated too and we could not have asked for a more pleasant day.



Other events held throughout the year included the "Jack-O-Lantern Jog" held in conjunction with the "Pumpkin Festival". The race was open to all elementary school students. Over 75 students participated and received tee shirts. A co-sponsor of this event was the Middleton Art Association.

It is the hope of the Middleton Police Department that this valuable program will remain in place for the upcoming school year. Officers of the department will

continue to be a resource to our students, parents and teachers.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sgt. Gayle Haley  
D.A.R.E. Officer

## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION

The law no longer regards domestic violence as a private family matter but rather a serious crime. In July of 1978 Chapter 209A, also known as the Abuse Prevention Act, was signed into law. It has been amended several times over the course of the last 21 years. Law enforcement personnel are often called upon to intervene in domestic violence incidents and are often the victim's first contact with the criminal justice system. As a result, law enforcement personnel play a key role in the implementation of the Abuse Prevention Act.



or on weekends and holidays an order may be obtained through the police department and an on call Judge.

An emergency order remains in effect until the next court day following its issuance. At that time the plaintiff may request a continuation or modification of the order. If a continuation is granted the order remains in effect for ten days. At the end of the ten days both the plaintiff and the defendant have an opportunity to be heard by the court. Whether the order is continued, modified or vacated at that time is at the sole discretion of the Judge. If the order is continued following the ten-day hearing it is normally continued for a period of one year.

In the ongoing effort to prevent domestic violence, the Middleton Police Department continues to work collaboratively with the Salem District Court and H.A.W.C., (Help for Abused Women and their Children). Court involvement often consists of a restraining order. At any given time the Middleton Police Department has approximately 60-80 restraining orders on file. The orders range in severity from refrain from abuse to vacate the residence and stay away from the plaintiff and children, where applicable. Many of these orders are obtained on an emergency basis through the police department. Orders may be obtained directly through the District or Probate Court during normal business hours. After hours

Although a restraining order is a valuable tool used to prevent domestic violence, it is limited in its application. An order may only be obtained in cases involving household or family members. These include persons who are or were married to one another, are or were residing together in the same household, are or were related by blood or marriage, have a child in common regardless of whether they have ever married or lived together or are or have been in a substantive dating or engagement relationship. To obtain a temporary or



emergency order the plaintiff must demonstrate a substantial likelihood of immediate danger of abuse. When the order is granted the court shall order the immediate surrender of any license to carry firearms and FID cards, as well as the surrender of any and all guns and ammunition, controlled, owned or possessed by the defendant.

Law enforcement personnel shall arrest any defendant that violates any provisions of an active restraining order. Violations and subsequent incidents should be reported to police so they can be documented. Victims of domestic violence may request a copy of the police incident reports pertaining to the abuse at no cost from the police department.

The Middleton Police Department has cellular telephones available to victims of domestic violence on a temporary basis at no charge. The phones may only be used to dial 911. The calls are transferred from a 911 operator in Framingham to the Middleton Police where officers will respond to the call for assistance.



Many incidents of domestic violence have silent victims. Children, although not directly involved in the altercation, are often present during the most turbulent times. They witness the abuse whether physical, verbal or both and they too are victims.

Police intervention in domestic violence incidents may allow the victim an opportunity to break the cycle of violence. Victims do not have to go through this alone. Counselors from H.A.W.C. (Help for Abused Women and their Children) are available to assist. They are present at the court to assist victims with the court process and advocate on their behalf. They are also available for confidential one on one counseling.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sgt. Gayle Haley  
Domestic Violence Prevention

# TRAINING

Training in law enforcement is an ongoing endeavor. The Middleton Police Department acknowledges the need for up-to-date and continuous training. In an effort to live up to its' commitment the department sent all full-time officers to the Massachusetts Criminal Justice Training Council's Reading Academy at Camp Curtis Guild for a one-week training session. The session covered legal updates, drug enforcement, search and seizures, officer survival, CPR and First Responders. Reserve officers received training in CPR and First Responders in-house.

In a department the size of the Middleton Police Department it would not be frugal to train each officer in every aspect of police work. Therefore, several officers received special training in a multitude of areas.

These specialized training sessions were provided through a number of various agencies throughout the state. They included Commercial Motor Vehicle Stops, Terrorism/Weapons of Mass Destruction and Incident Command System Training, Community Policing, Field Training Officer and Program Management Training, Police



Mountain Bike, Field Sobriety Testing and training through the Massachusetts State Police Bomb Squad. In addition to the specialized training, all officers were required to qualify in the use of their firearms. It is only through the commitment and dedication of its officers that the Middleton Police Department has been able to respond to the growing needs of the community in a competent and professional manner.

The goal of the Middleton Police Department is to continue to put well-trained and well-equipped officers to work in the community. Plans have already been made for officers to attend the annual in-service training in Reading during the upcoming year. Specialized training will be offered as courses become available.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sgt. Gayle Haley  
Training Officer

## Safety Officer

The responsibility of the safety officer in Middleton is to promote safety issues throughout the community and provide for safety during community events.

I have visited with each grade level at our elementary schools and summer camps. With younger children and day care centers McGruff the Crime Dog accompanies me. During these visits I discuss safety issues with kids and distribute pamphlets regarding 911 usage, D.A.R.E., etc. In addition to learning safety, I find these visits promote a positive relationship between law enforcement and our local youth.

Chief Armitage has assigned me to participate in the "Route 114 Highway Safety and Improvement Panel" chaired by the Massachusetts State Police.

We have also visited with local senior centers where safety issues of specific concern to seniors are discussed. We investigate issues regarding traffic safety brought to the attention of the police

department by local citizens and make recommendations for corrective measures.

The Middleton Police have attempted to increase seatbelt usage. To this end, Chief Armitage arranged for my participation in the "Standardized Child Passenger Safety Training Program", sponsored by The Governor's Highway Safety Bureau. This course was given to bring the participants up to speed regarding the ever-changing areas of passenger seatbelt and child safety seat designs and recalls. With the information obtained in this course the Police Department has given child safety seat installation instruction to individuals free of charge. Through these measures we hope to increase seatbelt and child safety seat usage.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patrolman Robert Currier



**CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY**  
**April 1999**

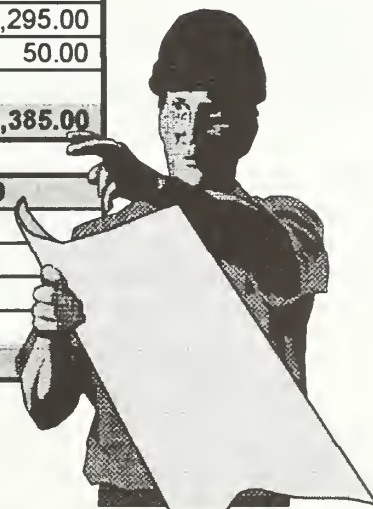


# REPORT OF THE BUILDING INSPECTOR

BUILDING PERMITS ISSUES FY '99		
RESIDENTIAL		
35	New Dwellings	\$ 8,389,300.00
65	Additions	\$ 1,877,375.00
62	Renovations	\$ 422,449.00
17	Accessory Buildings	\$ 157,600.00
8	Wood Stoves/Chimneys	\$ 2,500.00
30	Swimming Pools	\$ 289,995.00
12	Residential Demolition	\$ 35,100.00
2	Temporary Mobile Homes	\$ 4,000.00
COMMERCIAL		
2	New Commercial Buildings	\$ 712,500.00
13	Additions / Renovations	\$ 565,800.00
21	Signs	\$ 46,650.00
7	Miscellaneous	\$ 320,900.00
4	Commercial Demolition	\$ 15,000.00
GOVERNMENT OWNED BUILDING		
2	New Buildings	\$ 19,500.00
5	Additions/Renovations	\$ 9,100.00
1	Miscellaneous	\$ 8,600.00
<b>286</b>	<b>PERMIT TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 12,876,369.00</b>

FEES COLLECTED FY '99		
286	Building Permits	\$ 79,754.00
278	Electrical Permits	\$ 29,307.00
118	Plumbing Permits	\$ 23,570.00
109	Gas Permits	\$ 3,409.00
76	Occupancy Permits	\$ 1,295.00
2	Fines	\$ 50.00
<b>869</b>	<b>FEE TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 137,385.00</b>

INSPECTIONS CONDUCTED FY '99		
707	Building Inspections	
563	Electrical Inspections	
464	Plumbing / Gas Inspections	
<b>1734</b>	<b>TOTAL INSPECTIONS</b>	







The Building Department issued permits for 35 new dwelling units in FY '99. This was a dramatic decrease from FY '98. It is expected that permits for new dwellings will increase in FY '00 with four new subdivisions nearing construction phase.

An increase in residential additions and renovations this past year is the result of residents remaining in their present homes rather than relocating because of the continued rise in land costs.

Commercial construction has also declined because of the lack of land zoned for this purpose.

The Inspectors conducted more than 1700 inspections this year. The Inspectors are responsible for all phases of building components and are committed to making sure that all public buildings are constructed in accordance with all codes and are maintained properly to assure a safe environment for all.

I would like to thank all the members of my staff, Department Heads, all Board Members and residents for their continued support.

A special thanks to members of the Police and Fire Departments for the assistance and support they provided to the inspectors during the year when called upon.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert M. Aldenberg  
Inspector of Buildings & Zoning Officer

Staff Members:  
William Cashman, Local Inspector  
Alfred Jones, Electrical Inspector  
William Smith, Plumbing/Gas Inspector  
Karen L. Gardner, Secretary





## **INSPECTOR OF PLUMBING AND GAS**



The responsibility of the Plumbing Inspector is to inspect the installation of waste, vent and water distribution lines in commercial establishments and residential dwellings.

The important issues inspected for are: properly vented fixtures to insure against sewer gas entering any building, proper pipe sizing for flow of waste materials and ample sizing of water distribution lines to feed fixtures in a building.

**118 Plumbing permits were issued in fiscal 1999.**

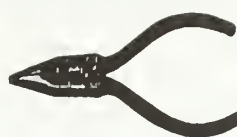
The responsibility of the Gas Inspector is to insure that all heating units, gas appliances, fire place units, etc. are properly vented to prevent carbon monoxide gases from entering a dwelling or place of business. Other areas of inspection are: proper pipe sizing, location of vents that would be too close to combustible material, proper support hangers, and pressure testing every gas supply line.

**109 Gas permits were issued in fiscal 1999.**

**There were 464 Plumbing & Gas Inspections made in fiscal 1999.**

Respectfully Submitted,

William Smith  
Plumbing & Gas Inspector



## **INSPECTOR OF WIRES**

To the honorable Board of Selectmen and the citizens of The Town of Middleton, following is the Annual Report of the Inspector of Wires.

The Inspector of Wires is appointed annually by the Board of Selectmen. It is the responsibility of the Inspector of Wires to ensure that all wiring in and on buildings and property within the Town of Middleton is installed in a proper and safe manner. In order to accomplish this, permits are issued to licensed individuals to perform electrical work. Inspections are then made periodically during construction and at the completion of all work to ascertain that the work was performed in accordance with all applicable Codes and Standards.

In addition, the Inspector of Wires responds, when requested by the Middleton Fire Department, to check wiring in buildings damaged by fire or flooding.

Although there was a decrease in the number of building permits issued for new construction, the number of wiring permits increased to 278 and 563 inspections were made during the year.

I would like to thank the other members of the Inspections Department, the Middleton Fire Department, and the Middleton Electric Light Department for their cooperation in our effort to make certain that electrical installations within the Town of Middleton are proper and safe.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alfred J. Jones  
Inspector of Wires

# DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

To the honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of the Town of Middleton, I hereby submit the following annual report of the Department of Public Works for the period covering July 1, 1998 to June 30, 1999.

The Department roster for FY '99 consisted of the following full-time personnel:

DENNIS R. ROY, Superintendent  
Kenneth Gibbons, Foreman  
Roger Fortino, Water System Operator (until Oct. 98)  
Frank Giordano, Water System Operator (started April 99)  
Florence Leary, Secretary  
William Mugford, Light Equipment Operator  
Ricky Gould, Light Equipment Operator  
Scott Saulnier, Light Equipment Operator  
David Ogden, Light Equipment Operator  
Anthony Bertino, Light Equipment Operator  
Glenn Osgood, Light Equipment Operator  
Paul Ajootian, Light Equipment Operator

Part-time Transfer Station employees that worked throughout the year were:

Anthony Guglielmi  
Ken Courtney

Following is a summary, by division, of the work performed throughout the fiscal year:

## • HIGHWAY

This year's highway resurfacing program consisted of the following projects:

River Street (Phases I & II)- After over two years in committee, the first and second phases of construction of River Street began. Over 6000 feet of roadway stretching from Route #114 to Northwoods Road was reclaimed and paved with 3-1/2 inches of bituminous binder pavement. Many sections of the roadway were widened and in some areas the road profile was lowered in order to increase sight distance. The final phase of construction was scheduled to begin in the summer of 1999. This final section continues all the way to Boston Street and will include major drainage alterations and road relocation in the area just beyond Flint Farm Road. Once this section is complete, a final coat of asphalt will be applied over the entire length

of River Street. This long overdue project will now provide for a much safer passage along River Street which has watched the traffic count increase dramatically in the past several years.

**Highland Road Area, Perkins Road, Pinedale Road, Mill Street Extension-** All the listed streets were reconstructed similar to River Street and repaved with a bituminous binder for the winter and had the final coarse of finish pavement installed in July of 1999. Roadway widening, new drainage and in some cases new curbing was installed as part of these improvements.

This year the Town received \$192,582 from the Commonwealth as "Chapter 90" funds. These funds, in combination with the Town appropriation of \$50,000, provided the

revenue source for these projects. The "Big Dig" project in Boston is threatening a portion of next year's "Chapter 90" funds and there may even be a delay in the appropriation. Without these funds the Town's road repair and resurfacing projects will suffer greatly.

In addition to the resurfacing program, Public Works performed an extensive roadway crack-filling program on East Street, Essex Street, Maple Street, Forest Street, Francis Drive, Samos Circle, and Brookside Road. This process will help prevent these roads from further deterioration until they can be scheduled for full depth reconstruction.

The Town's 2.5 miles of gravel roads were graded twice during the year and materials were added where needed.

The road mileage of the Town was increased by 1.83 miles this year with the acceptance of DeRosier Drive (0.23 miles), Watkins Way (0.66 miles), Wallens Way (0.06 miles), Silas Meriam Way (0.17 miles), Old Haswell Park Road (0.32 miles),

Tyler Road (0.17 miles), Thornton Place (0.15 miles) and Leary Lane (0.07 miles.) With new subdivisions still before the Planning Board, I anticipate an additional 1.54 miles of roadway added to our road system next year.

In addition to the increased road mileage there are 60 additional catch basins added to our drainage system that will need to be cleaned on an annual basis. This year the Town cleaned over 600 catch basins throughout the Town so as to prevent drainline blockages.

The Town began its annual spring street sweeping of all Town roads on March 26th and had our annual street line painting program completed by early May. Many of the thermoplastic lines in Middleton Square were redone due to the heavy traffic volume.

The Department also began a new program of replacing all school zone regulatory signs with the new approved high intensity green signs for better visibility.

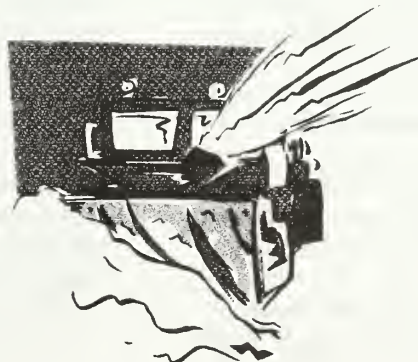
## • SNOW & ICE

The 1998-99 snowfall season was a little below normal this year with a total snow accumulation of 43 inches. The season did not begin until December 30, 1998 when an inch of snow fell and finished on March 12, 1999 when 3 inches of snow fell.

This season the Town experienced six storms in which private plow contractors were called in to assist Town forces. There were four storms in which more than six

inches fell and six storms in which less than six inches of snow fell. Many of the storms in January started out as snow but ended up as sleet, freezing rain or in some cases just heavy rain.

Even though it was a slightly lighter than normal year for snow, Town crews spent many hours salt/sanding our roads in between storms to help keep Town roads clean and safe.





## • **SIDEWALKS**

Again this year Public Works continued to work with the Planning Board to have private developers install sidewalks on adjacent main streets to new subdivisions rather than requiring two sidewalks be installed within the subdivision.

This year over 2500 feet of sidewalk and bituminous curbing was installed along Essex Street from Route 114 to Vera Road

by Jones Realty, developers for the Falcon Ridge subdivision.

At the May Annual Town Meeting there was some discussion about forming a sidewalk committee to consider priority areas for future sidewalks. There are many areas along main streets that have been identified as target sites, however, Town funding will need to be appropriated next year.

## • **CEMETERY**

During the past year there were 39 interments at Oakdale Cemetery. During this same period there were a total of 51 new lots sold of which three (3) were single graves, 14 were double graves and five were four grave lot sales. Revenue collected from these sales amounted to \$7,260.00.

As we do each year, Public Works crews spend many man hours cutting and caring

for the ten acres of grass, shrubs and trees in an effort to keep Oakdale Cemetery one of Essex County's most beautiful cemeteries.

Public Works laid out and opened the "900" section at Oakdale. This section is comprised of a combination of two and four grave lots and is located along Birch Avenue and Western Avenue.

## • **PARKS & PLAYGROUNDS**

In addition to our regular routine maintenance of all parks and playgrounds, all areas were fertilized on a regular schedule throughout the season.

All baseball diamonds were edged, weeded, and infields reshaped in preparation for opening day and then regularly maintained thereafter with weekly mowing and line painting.

The Town was able to complete Phase III of the field improvements at the Fuller Meadow School. This now adds an additional little league field to the system that is fully irrigated. Phase III also included construction of a new preschool tot area adjacent to the Fuller Meadow School, an outside drinking fountain along with the preparation and laying out of a 400 square foot cushioned sub-surface area for a future play equipment set.

Bids were opened and construction began in early August on the landfill soccer field complex. Sprinkler systems were installed in

the two fields and tied into the recently drilled irrigation wells inside the Transfer Station. Work was completed on these fields in late spring of 1999.

These fields will be ready for play in the spring of 2000 season once the 12-foot high fence is installed along the outer perimeter.

Part of the field improvement contract at the landfill included installing an outside water spigot on the outside of the swap shop. This will provide water to hose things down from the swap shop as well as allow the lawn area surrounding the building to be watered when needed. A two-inch water line was also extended to the compactor area of the Transfer Station where a yard hydrant was installed. This will provide limited fire protection as well as give the attendants some water to hose down the area on a regular basis. This will also provide the water needed to install a possible future toilet facility.

At Howe-Manning Park all the seesaw equipment was refurbished and the basketball court was crack sealed, a new coat of paint was applied and then it was completely relined. Picnic tables were

repaired and repainted. Thunder Bridge beach was groomed with additional sand and the parking area was regraded with gravel material to drain towards the rear.

## • WATER

After a short term Roger Fortino left to work for his home Town of Stoneham. He was replaced by Frank Giordano of Methuen as Middleton's new water system operator.

Frank Giordano's report of the Water Division is as follows:

Amount of water purchased from Danvers:

<u>Month</u>	<u>Gallons Pumped</u>
January	4,786,500
February	3,834,000
March	22,659,000
April	4,547,200
May	7,414,500
June	28,579,500
July	6,600,000
August	7,288,500
September	59,371,500
October	5,360,000
November	4,818,700
December	25,990,500
<b>TOTAL WATER PURCHASED IN 1999</b>	<b>181,250,100 GALLONS</b>

- The Water Division responded to four emergency calls.
- There were 14 permits issued for new water services and one permit issued for a renewal.
- Two broken water mains were repaired:
  - 1- 6 inch main
  - 1- 8 inch main
- One air release valve on Manning Road was replaced.
- Five fire hydrants were repaired.

In FY '99 water line extensions for new subdivisions that were added to our system were:

- 3,125 feet of 12 inch main
- 955 feet of 8 inch main
- 9 new hydrants

The Town's water system now has a total of 22.1 miles of water main and 212 fire hydrants.

The Town has completed its first year in the Backflow Prevention Program. The Town has conducted a total of 49 surveys of facilities to ensure appropriate backflow prevention devices are installed. The Water Division has determined that there are 94 testable devices in the water system. Of the total number, 34 are double check valves and 60 are reduced pressure zone backflow preventors.

A Cross-Connection Program, Fee Schedule and Rules & Regulations were adopted by the Board of Selectmen acting as the Towns' Water Commissioners on November 30, 1999.

In order to meet the requirements of the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act the following tests were completed:

- 104 water samples taken for bacteriological analysis
- 10 water samples taken for lead and copper analysis
- 104 pH samples conducted
- 104 Chlorine residual tests performed

Under Federal EPA regulations this was the first year that the Town published its Annual Consumer Confidence Report. This was done in October. These reports are mandated by the 1996 amendments to the Safe Drinking Water Act. Future reports will be sent out each year before July.

The Town continued with it's annual hydrant flushing program in early June. Over 126 hydrants were flushed throughout the system during the early evening hours to prevent inconvenience and potential rust problems to customers. The annual flushing program cleans sediment from the mains which helps assure the delivery of safe, clean water to your tap.

Last year our water consumption went up dramatically during the summer months due to the heavy water use for outside irrigation. Both the Towns of Danvers and Middleton were forced to enact first a voluntary water ban with odd/even restrictions then in July a full restriction was imposed and outside

water use was restricted to the hours of 6:00 am to 8 :00 am and 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. If we have another dry summer and water conservation is not exercised then I would anticipate another watering ban this year. I urge everyone to adhere to the odd/even restrictions and continue to educate yourselves on proper lawn watering. There is far too much water being used for lawn irrigation. Watering only in the early mornings and using only one inch of water per week is sufficient. Alternate landscapes with low water demand plantings (Xeriscape) should be considered.

If you would like some water conservation information or tips, or if you have any other water questions please contact the Water Division at (978)777-0407.

The responsibilities to run an efficient water system continue to grow as new regulations are enacted. The water system operator plays an important role in assuring clean and reliable water to all its customers.

## • SOLID WASTE

The Solid Waste Division of the Department of Public Works continued to be very busy this year. With a little less than three years of operation under our belt the Transfer Station continues to run well and has

become more efficient as time goes on.

For calendar year 1999 the following amounts were either recycled or disposed of at the Transfer Station:

Residential Trash	1820 tons	Disposed of at Ogden Martin
Plastics	12 tons	Recycled
Mixed Paper/Cardboard	286 tons	Recycled
Green/Brown/Clear Glass	24 tons	Recycled
Tires ( 726 each )	5 tons	Recycled
Christmas Trees (377 ea.)	7 tons	Chipped and composted
Waste Oil (1,821 gallons)	7 tons	Recycled-used to heat DPW garage
Leaves & Brush	150 tons	Composted or chipped
Metals/white goods	90 tons	Recycled
Aluminum/Tin cans	9 tons	Recycled
Construction/Demolition Material ( C & D )	38 tons*	Disposed at Laidlaw (\$63-\$90./ton)
<b>Total Material moved at the Transfer Station</b>	<b>2,448 TONS</b>	

\* This service was discontinued in May due to the high rising costs of disposal.



The Town, with the assistance of the North Shore Regional Vocational School, finished the construction of the new 864 square foot concrete block "swap shop" located inside the Transfer Station facility. This new facility was opened in early spring 1999 and has been named the "Stop & Swap" shop. It has quickly become a favorite spot for people to browse through and to chat.

The newly capped landfill grass was cut twice during the year. The required annual inspection of the capping was conducted and no deficiencies were found.

Towards the end of the fiscal year the DPW began the recycling of all fluorescent tubes in all Town buildings. Hopefully this program will expand next year to school buildings.

As per DEP requirements, additional monitoring wells were installed in various areas around the capped landfill and sampling of those wells began on a regular basis.

The Town was also proud to conduct a tour of our facility on July 27th, 1998 for the Northeast Recycling Committee. It was nice to see people getting ideas from our well-run facility.

## • **GENERAL**

Along with all the work that was performed by the various DPW Divisions, the following items were also undertaken:

- An architect was hired to design the 4500 square foot proposed addition to the Public Works garage.
- A new satellite weather detection system was installed at the DPW office to help keep the Department right up to the minute regarding any pending storms, whether they are hurricanes, snow storms or any occurrence that the Town needs to prepare for. This information is shared with other Town departments also.
- The Department held its third surplus materials auction on July 28th, which brought in additional revenue to the Town.
- Started Phase I of the DPW office renovations. This included gutting out the whole first floor and completely remodeling this area. Along with the space re-organization, the Inspections Department was moved to the second floor. An expanded public counter space was constructed and the secretarial staff was consolidated to the first floor to better serve the public.

- Phase II construction, which includes major renovation work to the second floor offices, will began next fiscal year. The Building Inspector Bob Aldenberg should be commended for coordinating all this work and saving the Town a significant amount of money.

In conclusion, of what has been another busy year for the Department, I would like to thank the Board of Selectmen, the Town Administrator and the community for their continued support of our efforts throughout the year.

Since this will be my final report to the Town, as I have taken my new position as Director of Public Works in Lynnfield, I would like to thank the citizens of Middleton for allowing me to serve them for the past 12 years. It has been an honor. I would like to wish your new Superintendent Bob Hoffman the best as he brings Middleton forward in the new millennium.

I would also like to thank the Department personnel for their hard and dedicated work in serving the growing needs of Middleton.

Respectfully submitted,

DENNIS R. ROY  
Superintendent of Public Works



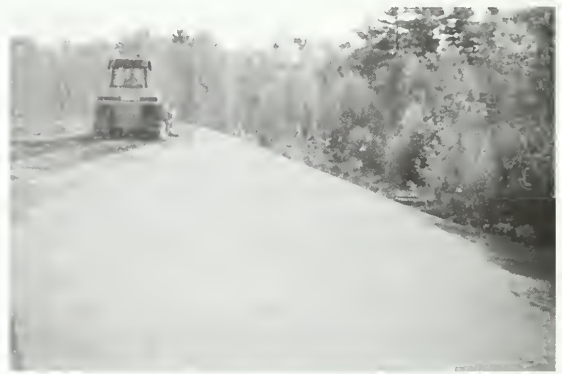
***River Street Reconstruction***



***Highland Street Drainage Replacement***



***Cemetery Maintenance***



***New Sod on Slope of Landfill Capping***



***Regrading of Fire Station Driveway to Allow  
Clearance of New Fire Truck***



***New DPW Garage***



# MIDDLETON ELECTRIC LIGHT DEPARTMENT

## Report of the Board of Electric Commissioners

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:  
To the Citizens of Middleton:

The Board of Electric Commissioners respectfully submits its Annual Report for fiscal year, January 1, 1999 through December 31, 1999.

January 1, 1999 represented a new year with new expectations and new goals. How fragile these prospects were. The year 1999 tested the dedication, effort and resilience of the Middleton Electric Light Department (M.E.L.D.)

On January 13, 1999 the Town of Middleton, as well as M.E.L.D., lost a most valuable employee, Paul G. Kilroy. Paul Kilroy who was the facilities coordinator, suffered a fatal heart attack while skiing in New Hampshire. His thirty plus years of service to M.E.L.D. is acknowledged with the dedication of this report to Paul and his family. His vision for a better Middleton and a more progressive department will continue to inspire M.E.L.D. initiatives.

On January 22, 1999 M.E.L.D. lost another long time employee. Charles S. Clinch, Jr. "Charlie" as he was called, served twenty-seven years with M.E.L.D. He started as a meter reader, worked his way up through the ranks and ended his career as Manager in 1978. To the family of Charles S. Clinch, Jr. this Commission extends its sincere appreciation for the dedication and commitment that Charlie exhibited.

On a positive note, Middleton residents paid the fourth lowest rate among 351 cities and towns in Massachusetts. This result is the product of the Commission's edict with reliable, low cost power to our customers. The residential rate comparison graph that follows illustrates Middleton's rate compared to that of the municipal average and various investor owner utilities.

**Table 1 - Revenues:** Illustrates revenues by customer class from 1993 through 1999.

Billed operating revenue from the sale of electricity for 1999 amounted to \$8,486,092. This decrease is attributed to M.I.T. being off line from September through December.

Correspondingly, **Table 2 - Usage Detail:** Illustrates a decrease in energy consumption by 2,663,324 KWH or 2.6% during 1999. All financial statements are available at M.E.L.D., which state all activities and balances.

During 1999 Congress approved M.I.T.'s operating budget for the upcoming years. Secretary of Energy Richardson visited the facility and made the announcement. This budget approval assures M.I.T.'s operation, and during the year 2000 M.I.T. will be on line continuously except for the months of July and August.

Speaking of Y2K, on December 31, 1999 Department crews were available when the year 2000 arrived. There were no interruptions in service and the new year arrived just as planned.

Following is a list of major construction that has commenced or that has been completed during 1999.

Finally, the Howe Station project has been completed. All underground 23KV and 5KV circuits have been installed and transferred. All services have been switched and new colonial fixtures installed and transferred. The cost to complete this project was approximately \$300,000. This cost was absorbed by M.E.L.D. with no cost passed on to the taxpayers.

Major construction associated with the reconductoring of South Main Street from Meadow Drive to River Street has commenced. Open wire crossarm mounted wire is being replaced with new "Hendrix" style construction. Scheduled date of completion is spring 2000.

Reconductoring of Mt. Vernon St., King St., Randall Rd., Spring Rd. and Pinedale Rd. has been completed. Undersized wire has been replaced with new "Hendrix" style construction. During the year 2000 the reconductoring of the Middleton Pines area is scheduled to commence.

The automated meter reading (AMR) is operational. During 1999 trial readings were performed to verify the system. With that process completed, the installation of AMR meters commenced. Approximately 400 meters



were installed. These meters can be read remotely, eliminating the need to have access to customer's property. This efficient reading process reduces the time it takes to read the residential meters. It is the goal to install approximately 700 additional meters during the year 2000.

At the Essex Street substation the relay scheme was analyzed. Additional relay components along with new breakers will be installed during the upcoming year. This project will increase service reliability to M.E.L.D. customers.

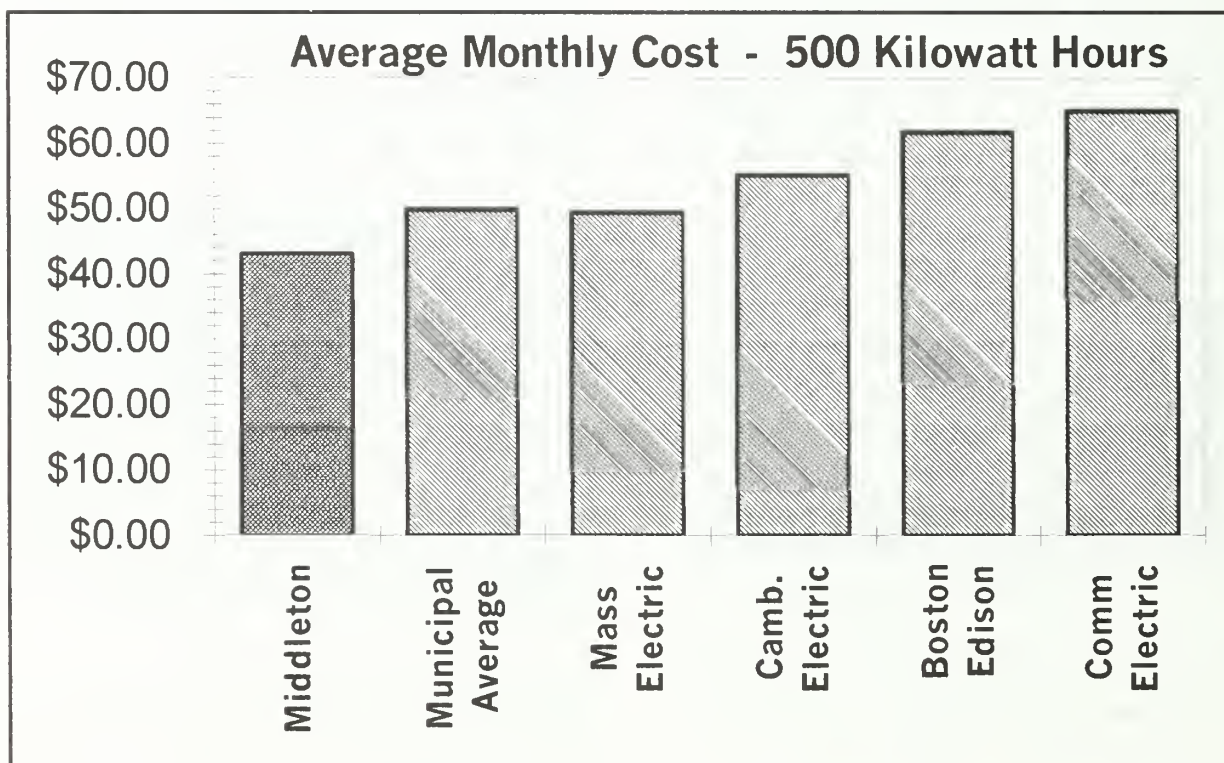
During 1999 M.E.L.D. continued its goal to review its existing power contracts. In March of 1999 M.E.L.D. paid to PG&E \$182,222 to buyout its NEP Manchester Street contract. This was the result of New England Power's sale of its generating assets to PG&E (US. Gen.) The savings alone realized by M.E.L.D. during 1999 amounted to \$132,000. The buyout amount was paid from the M.E.L.D. rate stabilization account. Also in June M.E.L.D. finalized its buyout of the Maine Yankee Plant. Negotiations relative to the sale of the Vermont Yankee Plant and Millstone are ongoing and will continue during 2000 in order to improve M.E.L.D.s power supply and reduce its long-term debt.

Again, as in 1998, M.E.L.D. continued its analysis relative to its contract with Northeast Utilities (N.U.). With the prediction that oil prices would rise dramatically during the winter after a summer low, M.E.L.D. adjusted its contract. With the ability to adjust its base (fixed price) and intermediate (oil-indexed price) charges on a monthly basis, M.E.L.D. was able to maximize its benefit relative to market pricing. The result of these effects lowered the power costs of M.E.L.D. approximately \$600,000 during 1999. The current contract will continue through 2003. M.E.L.D. will monitor the pricing, passing the savings on to its customers. This process will assist M.E.L.D. in maintaining its favorable rates.

At this time M.E.L.D. expresses its gratitude for the cooperation extended by all the various departments and employees within the Town and looks forward to continuing cooperation in the upcoming year.

Respectfully submitted:

Alfred Jones, Chairman  
Richard Kassiotis  
Charles S. Clinch III  
A. David Lenzie  
Frank W. Twiss, Clerk



# MIDDLETON ELECTRIC LIGHT DEPARTMENT

## COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET 1999

	Balance Beginning of Year	Balance End of Year	Increase or (Decrease)
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>UTILITY PLANT</b>			
101 Utility Plant - Electric ..	6,573,781	6,519,745	(54,036)
<b>FUND ACCOUNTS</b>			
126 Depreciation Fund ....	1,823,201	1,906,534	83,333
127 Rate Stabilization Fund .....	2,720,383	3,522,471	802,088
<b>CURRENT AND ACCRUED ASSETS</b>			
131 Cash .....	1,181,809	650,987	(530,822)
132 Special Deposits .....	67,641	69,125	1,484
132 Working Funds .....	700	950	250
142 Customer Accounts Receivable .....	145,624	170,040	24,416
143 Other Accounts Receivable.....	38,367	224,385	186,018
146 Receivables from Municipality .....	0	0	0
151 Materials and Supplies .....	227,281	199,252	(28,029)
165 Prepayments .....	1,172,030	796,336	(375,694)
<b>DEFERRED DEBITS</b>			
183 Other Deferred Debits.....	27,690	31,119	3,429
Total Assets and Other Debits	<u>13,978,507</u>	<u>14,090,944</u>	<u>112,437</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>SURPLUS</b>			
206 Loans Repayments .....	1,394,500	1,494,500	100,000
207 Appropriations for Construction Repayments.....	10,041	0	0
208 Unappropriated Earned Surplus .....	8,001,306	8,437,164	435,858
<b>LONG TERM DEBT</b>			
221 Bonds.....	1,100,000	1,000,000	(100,000)
231 Notes Payable .....	0	0	0
<b>CURRENT AND ACCRUED LIABILITIES</b>			
232 Accounts Payable.....	1,154,531	315,971	(838,560)
235 Customer Deposits.....	52,944	55,705	2,761
242 Miscellaneous Current and Accrued Liabilities.....	23,998	86,749	62,751
<b>DEFERRED CREDITS</b>			
252 Customer Advances for Construction.....	2,754	105,076	102,322
<b>RESERVES</b>			
260 Reserves for Uncollectable Accounts .....	6,310	363,656	357,346
<b>CONTRIBUTIONS IN AID OF CONSTRUCTION</b>			
271 Contributions in Aid of Construction.....	2,232,123	2,232,123	0
Total Liabilities and Other Credits	<u>13,978,507</u>	<u>14,090,944</u>	<u>112,437</u>

# MIDDLETON ELECTRIC LIGHT DEPARTMENT

## STATEMENT OF INCOME FOR THE YEAR 1999

	Current Year	Increase or (Decrease) from Preceding Year
<b>OPERATING INCOME</b>		
400 Operating Revenue .....	8,220,802	(364,906)
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>		
401 Operation Expense .....	7,337,522	(346,040)
402 Maintenance Expense .....	230,236	(11,837)
403 Depreciation Expense .....	332,139	6,739
<b>Total Operating Expenses.....</b>	<b>7,899,897</b>	<b>(351,138)</b>
<b>Operating Income.....</b>	<b>320,905</b>	<b>(13,768)</b>
<b>OTHER INCOME</b>		
415 Income from Merchandising, Jobbing and Contract Work.....	2,884	(3,099)
419 Interest Income.....	262,406	37,654
421 Miscellaneous Nonoperating Income.....		
<b>Total Income.....</b>	<b>586,195</b>	<b>20,787</b>
<b>INTEREST CHARGES</b>		
427 Interest on Bonds and Notes.....	65,080	(6,800)
431 Other Interest Expense.....		
<b>Total Interest Charges.....</b>	<b>65,080</b>	<b>(6,800)</b>
<b>NET INCOME.....</b>	<b><u>521,115</u></b>	<b><u>27,587</u></b>

	<u>Debits</u>	<u>Credits</u>
208 Unappropriated Earned Surplus (at beginning of period).....		7,968,813
433 Balance Transferred from Income.....		521,115
434 Miscellaneous Credits to Surplus.....		134,395
435 Miscellaneous Debits to Surplus.....	197,200	
436 Appropriations of Surplus.....	0	
437 Surplus Applied to Depreciation.....		
208 Unappropriated Earned Surplus (at end of period).....	8,427,123	
	<u>8,624,323</u>	<u>8,624,323</u>



# MIDDLETON ELECTRIC LIGHT DEPARTMENT

## COMPARATIVE TABLES

1999

TABLE 1 REVENUES

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>RESIDENTIAL</u>	<u>COMMERCIAL</u>	<u>INDUSTRIAL</u>	<u>MUNICIPAL</u>	<u>OTHER</u>
1993	2,033,333	1,139,438	5,215,906	98,747	78,220
1994	1,896,051	1,142,793	5,063,000	89,570	102,573
1995	1,859,774	1,155,507	5,019,718	86,731	276,825
1996	1,879,981	1,120,542	4,563,313	90,629	226,622
1997	1,912,359	1,108,891	5,032,965	98,698	293,379
1998	2,035,571	1,234,126	5,145,396	106,217	295,134
1999	2,109,575	1,273,701	4,676,765	101,941	324,110

TABLE 2 USAGE DETAIL

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>KILOWATT HOURS</u>	<u>DEMAND KW</u>	<u>METERS</u>	<u>COST PER KWH</u>	<u>POWER COST</u>
1993	81,824,256	13,800	2,220	0.074	6,054,059
1994	88,908,641	15,920	2,308	0.068	6,039,333
1995	91,896,616	16,610	2,388	0.067	6,195,047
1996	92,859,685	17,870	2,456	0.069	6,417,429
1997	98,822,085	17,770	2,591	0.070	6,929,170
1998	101,156,220	19,768	2,651	0.067	6,741,000
1999	98,492,896	20,684	2,728	0.067	6,588,067

TABLE 3 EXPENSES

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>OPERATION</u>	<u>MAINTENANCE</u>	<u>DEPRECIATION</u>	<u>BOND INTEREST</u>	<u>IN LIEU OF TAXES</u>
1993	6,653,616	254,420	392,080	122,690	66,000
1994	6,650,205	244,462	458,939	104,950	76,600
1995	6,805,938	311,566	489,386	92,450	82,000
1996	7,106,359	296,363	304,331	84,200	88,000
1997	7,501,438	279,162	313,234	77,340	138,000 (a)
1998	7,683,562	242,073	325,400	71,880	140,000 (b)
1999	7,337,522	230,236	332,139	65,080	97,200

(a) Includes \$ 50,000 in Howe Station Project.

(b) Includes \$ 50,000 in Howe Station Project

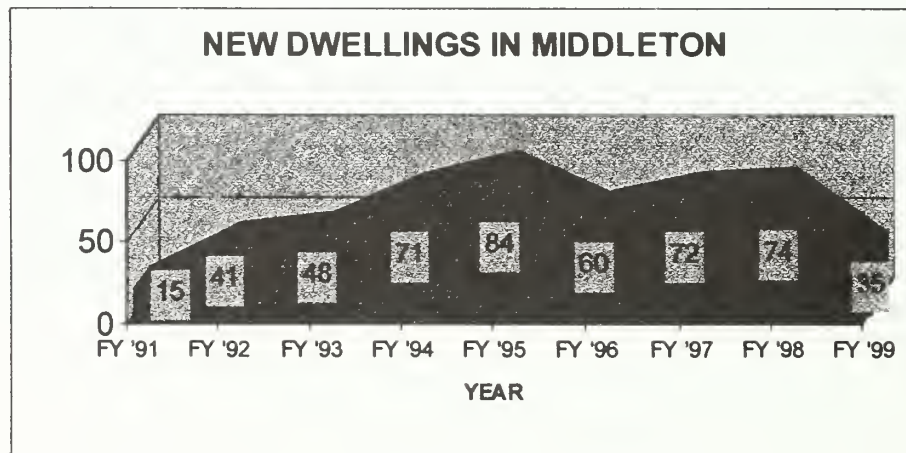
# CONSERVATION COMMISSION

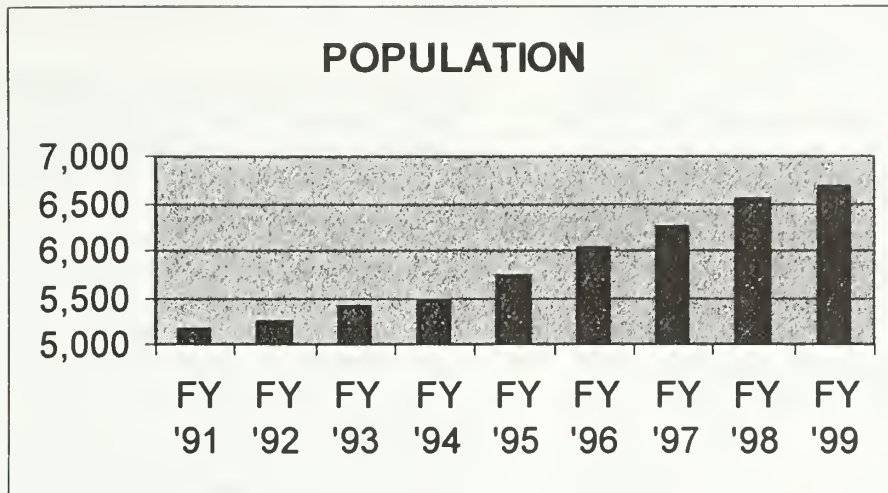
The Town's growth in people and buildings continues unabated as can be seen in the graphs below. Alas, the "buildable" land area has not increased, so more and more woods and fields are being "developed". A subdivision plan for 11 lots called Falcon Ridge off School Street was reviewed and permitted by us. The developer has given 11 acres (9 wetland and 2 upland) to the west of the planned houses along Sawyer Way to the Town to be protected as "conservation" land. Two vernal pools were found in the wooded upland close to the planned road. The developer and the Planning Board at our request changed the layout of a spur side road so that the pools will be less affected.

One of the roads in the new development is called Sawyer Way. This name was chosen in honor of Henry Sawyer, a longtime active resident of the Town and the man largely responsible for the Town of Middletons first Conservation Commission. Mr. Sawyer was its chairman from its inception in 1962 until 1980. He pioneered in wetland protection back in the days before the Wetland Protection Act when Massachusetts wetlands had only the weaker Hatch Act between them and development. We are thankful for his work in conservation and for his other many services to the Town. Mr. Sawyer is gravely ill at this writing.

To the east of Falcon Ridge, south and west of Liberty Street, the same developer is making plans for a large 21-lot subdivision, "Ryebrooke Estates". We have been very closely involved in the planning because of its size and its proximity to the unspoiled large wetland-floodplain of Emerson Brook (also called Pout Pond Brook in the past) which stretches from the ancient dam built near Liberty Street just above 18th century Nichols Grist Mill back to Essex Street and then up under North Main to Lake Street. Upland woods surround this rich swamp, teeming with wildlife, which screens it from the developed parts of Town.

On the other side of Town just north of Punchards Brook, northeast of Brookstone Estates and southeast Fuller Pond along the end of Park Avenue, a new 11 lot subdivision called Rolling Meadow Farm (once Blais land) has long been in the planning stages and under our scrutiny. Here several acres of pastureland will be lost to houses and lawns. The Commission hopes to obtain some open space/conservation land south of this project along Punchards Brook from the developer.








Falcon Ridge, Ryebrooke Estates, and Rolling Meadow Farm altogether involving about 105 acres illustrate the extent of present development in our town and our responsibility to review such projects in order to protect the adjacent wetlands under our jurisdiction. Any work within 100 feet of those wetlands (swamps, marshes, bogs, ponds, wet meadows) requires a permit from the Commission in order to proceed. From the banks of the Ipswich River and our perennial streams, the requirement is 200 ft. on either side. Work within these so-called River Front Areas is severely restricted.


In carrying out our responsibilities to protect our wetlands, ponds, streams, and rivers we and our agents:

 Held 18 public meetings.

 Heard 22 Requests for Determination of Applicability. Such hearings review plans of work near wetlands to determine if the proposed project could have an impact on those wetlands


 Reviewed 22 Notices of Intent. Issued 22 Orders of Conditions permitting, or in two cases denying, projects. Conditions are ordered to protect nearby wetlands during and after completion, e.g. haybales, rip-rap, etc.

 Heard requests for and issued amendments, or allowed changes as insignificant, to 11 individual Orders of Conditions.

 Received 19 requests for Certificates of Compliance. Issued approximately 13 Certificates for projects satisfactorily completed.

 Issued one Enforcement Order and nine "cease and desist" letters for violations of the Wetland Protection Act.

 Made approximately 200 site visits.

 Attended workshops and conferences having to do with wetland protection, plants, and soils.

In the second quarter, prior to a scheduled Town land auction, the Commission was given by Custodian of Town Lands Robert Murphy a list of lots taken over by the Town for non-payment of taxes. We reviewed the list of the 31 parcels and made site visits to those we thought might provide valuable wetland protection and/or, be desirable open space. We asked the Selectmen to take six lots off the auction block to keep as conservation-open space land to be managed by the Commission. They turned over five of the six for a total of five and one-half acres.



Two of these parcels provide important additional protection for ponds. In addition about four acres of wetland just north of Dixey Drive were given to the Town. These four are contiguous with 35 other conservation acres extending from Dixey Drive, west of Essex Street, northward about one half mile. This land provides an important wildlife corridor between North Main and Essex Streets.

In December large amounts of what turned out to be contaminated fill was brought on to a backyard perched above an intermittent brook at 3 Nichols Lane, Femcroft Heights. The Commission ordered all outside work stopped on the lot and referred the matter of the fill to the Board of Health because of the nature of debris seen in the fill. The Board of Health (BOH) and the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) ordered the owner to do soil tests in addition to those preliminary ones already done by the DEP. The soil brought in was found to exceed allowed thresholds of petroleum hydrocarbons. The fill has been ordered removed. Since the contamination is under the levels required for covering landfills, DEP is allowing the fill to be used in capping the illegal landfill between East Street and Nichols Brook.

The capping of this illegal landfill was resumed in late winter. Elevations now approach those of the final grades planned. This landfill will be capped with a layer of impermeable clay which will act as an "umbrella" preventing rain water from penetrating the pile down into the debris and causing any undesirable substances there from leaching out. The completed whole will be loamed, seeded, and mowed once a year in late summer. The Commission periodically checks the erosion control lines around the work to ensure eroding sediment isn't going into the wetlands below. Our agents also review the test results of water samples from perimeter test wells. So far, they are comparable with those from the test wells around the Town's buried landfill/dump off Natsue Way. Although there have been "exceedences" of certain chemicals in the ground water near the base of the illegal

landfill they have not been high enough to cause concern.

If you have any questions regarding our Town's natural resources and their protection please contact us directly or Leo Cormier or Pike Messenger at 777-1869, or write:

c/o Conservation Commission  
195 North Main Street  
Middleton, MA 01949

Respectfully,

*Conservation Commission Members*

- ✓ Gertrude Dearborn  
Chairman as of August 1999
- ✓ Leonard Kupreance, Chairman FY '99
- ✓ Warren Haas
- ✓ Sally Macdonald
- ✓ Glenn Bambury

*Agents*

- ✓ Leo Cormier - Health Agent,  
Conservation Administrator
- ✓ Pike Messenger  
Assistant Conservation Administrator

*Secretaries*

- ✓ Mary Farley, Conservation Secretary
- ✓ Helen Freedman (also secretary to  
BOH and Board of Appeals)



# METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING COUNCIL

The Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) is the regional planning agency that serves 101 communities in the metropolitan Boston area. It was created by an act of the state legislature in 1963 and has been serving its communities in a variety of ways since that time. The Council is composed of one representative from each of the 101 communities appointed by the CEOs of each of these cities and towns. In addition there are 21 gubernatorial appointees and 14 agency (such as DEM, Mass Port and MBTA) appointees on the Council. The 25 member elected Executive Committee meets 11 times a year. The full Council meets three times a year. Meetings are held at various localities throughout the region.

In order to serve its communities better, MAPC has organized eight subregions. These groups are composed of representatives from the member communities and a MAPC staff planner. The subregions meet on a regular basis to discuss and work on issues of local concern. Beverly, Danvers, Essex, Gloucester, Hamilton, Ipswich, Manchester-by-the-Sea, Marblehead, Middleton, Peabody, Rockport, Salem, Swampscott, Topsfield and Wenham are in the North Shore Task Force. The Task Force had two major projects this year, the preparation of the brochure *Outdoors North Shore & Beyond* and sponsoring a Harvard Graduate School of Design report entitled *Grow Smart North Shore*. Both were significant efforts. The brochure was so successful that the Task Force is investigating funding sources for updating and printing the brochure for the year 2000. The *Grow Smart North Shore* report and the follow-up are a major component of its work program for the year 2000.

## Buildout Analysis Projects

The Metropolitan Area Planning Council is continuing its work with local communities on Buildout Analysis. Last year MAPC developed a GIS methodology for these community buildouts. This work came to the attention of EOEa who saw it as a good tool

to help communities focus on their own local growth potential.

Subsequently, EOEa decided to fund buildouts for all Massachusetts communities. They have contracted with MAPC and other agencies to do the work. Everyone is using the MAC methodology. MAPC expects to complete 47 buildouts this fiscal year. The work on the remaining communities will be done the following year.

The purpose of a buildout study is to create an approximate "vision", in quantitative terms, of the potential future growth permitted and encouraged by a community's bylaws. Using maps, a buildout analysis can describe the level, type and location of such potential future growth. The result is only an estimate of a possible future for the communities, but it helps residents and public officials to develop an understanding of the implications of current zoning regulations. If the level or type of potential future development shown in the buildout analysis is not consistent with the community's goals or vision for the future, the residents may choose to make appropriate changes to the regulations.

## Regional Service Initiative

MAPC has worked with local officials to establish three consortia in the North Shore, The North Suburban and the South Shore areas. The groups have applied for state funding, but at this point the project is supported totally by local funds. The North Shore and North Suburban are sharing the services of a regional coordinator who has an office at Salem State College. The South Shore has a part-time coordinator who works out of the Hingham Town Hall. Initially, regional coordinators will concentrate on joint purchasing of supplies and services. These joint purchases are expected to show immediate and significant savings. Municipal managers have expressed interest in regional human resources services, including training. Gradually many other municipal services will become likely candidates for regional delivery approaches.

## **Southeastern Massachusetts Vision 2020**

MAPC is continuing its work with the Old Colony Planning Council and the Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District on the initiative to address uncontrolled sprawl and improve management of the rapid changes occurring in this region of the Commonwealth. The project recognizes that important choices lie ahead for the communities of southeastern Massachusetts and that a clear vision for the future will lead to more effective decision-making.

The group has prepared a report: *Vision 2020: An Agenda for the Future*. This report deals with the facts, trends and issues confronting the region, ending with a strategy for action. The report was finished this past spring. The committee is now making the contents of the report known throughout the region by the way of a slide show.

### **Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy**

MAPC is responsible for producing a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for the Boston region. This will enable us to meet the requirements of the federal Economic Development Administration (EDA).

### **I-495 Initiative**

Through the I-495 Initiative, MAPC continues to work cooperatively with the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative, legislators and companies and communities near the fast growing I-495 corridor. The Project is funded in part by the U.S. Department of Economic Development. The goal is to develop innovative solutions to the challenges of growth, business competitiveness, local fiscal stability and resource protection.

This year the Initiative hosted its second major regional conference, achieved \$250,000 in federal funding for a regional transportation study and ridesharing incentives, began a web-based clearinghouse and virtual technical assistance center, assisted in the formation of a six-community Assabet River Consortium and facilitated public-private dialogue about alternative technologies, reverse commuting and more predictable permitting.

### **Welfare to Work**

MAPC is the grant recipient of an U.S. Department of Labor Welfare-to-Work Grant. MAPC brings an innovative and collaborative approach to assisting low-income job seekers to overcome systemic transportation barriers. By linking employers, workforce development agencies and transportation providers, the project has improved access to existing mass transit, identified major employment centers that lack access, and offered innovative support where public transportation is not feasible. MAPC has convened a unique collaboration that provides employment transportation for low-income communities.

### **Metropolitan Affairs Coalition**

MAPC is serving as the staff of the Metropolitan Affairs Coalition (MAC). MAC grew out of the Challenge To Leadership, a twelve-year effort initiated by Cardinal Law. Church leaders along with business, labor, academic, public sector and other non-profit organizations help define a civic agenda for the city and region. The MAC is designed to give a depth and an on-going presence to issues that have a metropolitan scope. The initial issue that the MAC is addressing is housing in the metropolitan region.



# PLANNING BOARD

During Fiscal Year 1999, the Planning Board held 19 meetings. 20 ANR's (Approval Not Required under the Subdivision Control Law) were filed. Of those filings, sixteen (16) were approved, three (3) were denied, and one (1) was withdrawn. Four (4) preliminary subdivision plans were filed. Three (3) of the preliminary plans were approved, one (1) was denied. Two (2) definitive subdivision plans were filed. One (1) definitive subdivision plan was approved, one (1) was denied.

The preliminary subdivision plans that were approved included: Falcon Ridge, located off School Street; Rolling Meadow Farm, located off Park Avenue; and Ryebrook Estates, located off Liberty Street. The preliminary subdivision plan for Fairway Estates proposed to be located off South Main Street was denied.

The Board approved the definitive subdivision plan for Falcon Ridge located off School Street and denied the definitive subdivision plan for Rolling Meadow, which was re-filed.

There were 21 recommendations made to the Board of Appeals. The Board recommended granting of seven (7) variances, nine (9) site plans, and two (2) special permits. The Board did not recommend reconsideration of granting one (1) variance and took no action on one (1) variance. One (1) variance was withdrawn. In addition, the Board voted to uphold one (1) decision made by the Building Inspector.

Public Hearings for the Zoning Bylaw changes relative to Family Accessory Living Areas and Wireless Communication Facilities were held in March. Recommendations for Articles 11, 28, 30, and 34 were made by the Planning Board for the Warrant for Fiscal Year 2000, Annual Town Meeting.

In June the Board met to discuss the Master Growth Plan in order to make recommendations to the Master Plan Growth Committee. Members of the Board included Beverly Popielski, George Dow, Sr., Harry Mathews, David Leary, and Steven Weitzler. David Leary remained Chairperson and George Dow, Sr. remained Clerk this year.

Funds were appropriated through Annual Town Meeting to create a new full-time secretarial position to be shared by the Planning Board and the Inspections Department. We would like to bid a fond farewell to our former secretary Helen Freedman and thank her for her eight years of service to the Board. We would also like to thank the secretaries who have recorded our minutes over the years, as our new secretary will also be recording the minutes of our meetings as part of her position.

As Chairman for the Board I would like to thank all of the Board members for their endless hours, cooperation and support this year, during which time the Board had some very difficult subdivisions to work through. The Board would like to express its sincere appreciation to all department heads for their support, ideas and cooperation. A "special thank you" to Robert Aldenberg, Building Inspector and Dennis Roy, Superintendent of Public Works for their diligence and expertise. The Board would like to accept the appointment of Karen Gardner and welcome her as our new secretary.

Respectfully Submitted,

David T. Leary, Sr., Chairman  
George Dow, Sr., Clerk  
Beverly Popielski  
Harry Mathews  
Steven Weitzler

# ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Regularly Scheduled hearings of the Board of Appeals are held at the Fuller Meadow School, 143 South Main Street at 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of each month.

Applications for a public hearing must be submitted to the Town Clerk and must include the following to avoid delays in processing.

1. For each request for a site plan, variance, special permit or review of Building Inspector's denial, a non-refundable fee of \$75.00 is required. This fee is payable to the Town of Middleton and must accompany the application to cover the costs of Legal Notice publication and other expenses associated with the required public hearing.
2. Six (6) copies of plans and applications with the appropriate application number stamped by the Building Inspector.
3. It is the responsibility of the applicant to obtain a list of certified abutters (parties of interest) from the Board of Assessors Office. The form that is to be filed is included in the application packet.
4. The subject matter of the application, i.e., variance, site plan approval, special permit or review refusal of the Building Inspector to issue a permit.
5. The location of the area of the premises, including the street address and assessors map number, the lot number and one (1) copy on corresponding assessors map (scale 1" = 2000 ).

6. The name of the applicant printed or typed and signed including telephone number.
7. All applications must be approved and signed by the Building Inspector before they are taken to the Town Clerk.
8. The Town Clerk will accept and date stamp an application only if all items listed above are in order.

The Board will schedule a public hearing at the earliest possible date, but not later than 65 days after filing of the application, pending the availability of the needed information and response from other interested Boards and Agencies.

On May 4, 1999 Stephen Brickett was appointed as alternate and Lynn Murphy became a full member.

We wish to thank the Planning Board and Building Inspector for their timely input, other Boards, Town Officials and Town Counsel for their assistance throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger E. Drysdale, Chairman  
Jack Leitner, Clerk  
Stuart H. Lord  
Lynn Murphy  
Jeffrey D. Schreiber  
Anne Tragert Cote, Alternate  
Stephen Brickett, Alternate

Helen Freedman, full-time secretary  
Heather Smith, part-time secretary

**During the 1998-1999 Fiscal Year  
the Zoning Board of Appeals  
heard a total of 57 petitions  
with decisions shown:**

#	PETITION	GRANTED	DENIED	WITHDRAWN	POSTPONED
19	Variances	9	3	9	3
16	Site Plans	13	1	2	1
18	Special Permits	15	0	3	2
1	Relief of Planning Board	1	0	0	0
3	Inspector's Decisions	1	2	0	0



# FLINT

# PUBLIC

# LIBRARY



1998-1999 served as a signal year for the Flint Public Library as it moved to fulfill its long-standing dream to develop architectural plans for a major expansion/renovation of its time-honored building dating back to 1891. To begin this process, a comprehensive Building Program was formulated by the Director and the staff that outlined the library's space requirements for a 20-year horizon. After this document was prepared, the library was favorably positioned to seek an architectural firm that would respond to the space needs and operational parameters put forth by the Building Program.

At the May 1998 Town Meeting, a resounding endorsement of a Joint Fire Station/Library Feasibility Study was achieved and shortly thereafter, a Joint Feasibility Study Team was assembled. Members of the Feasibility Panel included: Mary Jane Morrin, serving as Chair; Ira Singer; Mary Ann Erickson; Irene Kastrinakis; Jill Mann; Lois Gianni; Michele Mals; Robert Porteous; Robert Twombly; David Leary and Henry Michalski.

The initial charge of the Feasibility Panel was to select an architectural firm that would investigate the facility needs of both the library and fire station and to explore the future expansion of both institutions. Ten architectural firms submitted proposals to perform the Joint Feasibility Study, and after a thorough review procedure, the firm of CBT/Childs Bertman Tseckares, Inc. was selected because of its solid credentials in

the sphere of library preservation/expansion projects and its affiliation with historic libraries receiving high rankings in the Massachusetts Public Library Construction Grant Awards.

Responding to the Building Program and to feedback from the library staff, Trustees and members of the Feasibility Panel, CBT worked to provide initial schematics, elevations, site planning and cost estimations for the renovation/enlargement of the present library structure. CBT's Feasibility Study for the library proposed a 15,000 gross square foot addition to the existing building (5,484 GSF). Sweeping in a southwest orientation, the Flint's new addition will be respectful of the library's original Victorian Romanesque architectural character and proportions. The materials used in the construction of the addition will closely match and knit with those of the original structure: slate roof, Aschlar brick, wood windows (with energy efficient glazing), precast limestone bandings.

The new addition will allow for a fully handicapped accessible building with entry at the parking lot level. A 4,000 sq. ft Children's Room will be consolidated into a single area near the primary entrance with a story telling alcove, an adjacent crafts room and distinct areas for different developmental reading levels. A 125 person Community Room, equipped with a kitchenette and media center is to be situated across from the Children's Department. Because it will be able to

operate as an entity apart from the rest of the library, all Middleton civic organizations will be able to utilize the Community Room after/before the library is opened for a variety of purposes: meetings, lectures, musical and educational programs. Also, children's programs that consistently attract large numbers of attendees will be able to conveniently shuttle from the Children's Room to the Community Room to use this space.

The Adult Services Level will extend to the west and south from the present stack area. This space will accommodate fiction & nonfiction shelving (with extension to 20 years of collection growth), a Circulation/Readers' Advisor Desk, a Community Information and Resource Area, Young Adult Space and interspersed quiet Reading/Study areas with tables and single carrels. The original library space will remain unmodified and be used as functional space. The Main Reading Room will convert to a Periodical/Newspaper display and reading area. The Trustees Room will continue to function as a quiet/study space and the existing stack area will be transformed into the new library's Reference Room, housing Computer/Internet workstations.

CBT has been extremely conscientious about not allowing the new addition to overwhelm the older building. The Community Room on the lower level is designed to exploit the sloping site, with its roof serving as a terrace at grade so that it does not appear as a bulky mass from Middleton Square forced into the narrow alley between the fire station and the library. With a defined scope and plan already advanced, the library building project became a more determined entity and begged for the next phase of development.

At the May 1999 Town Meeting, the voters elected to proceed with the elaboration of more amplified and refined schematics. This next stage will aid the Flint in the Library Construction Grant application process, tentatively scheduled to open up in early 2000. These competitive grants can garner up to 39% of the project's construction cost and are awarded on the soundness of the proposal. With more

specific and evolved plans the Flint stands a better chance to receive a grant in a shorter period of time. This phase will also include an artist's rendering of the project and a model.

In response to the excitement about the building project and in an effort to generate support for it, the Friends of the Flint mobilized in early October to work on the recruitment of new members and to foster advocacy for this historic enterprise. To this end, Mona Cocciardi, the new President of the Friends, together with Vice President, Lory Cristoforo, Secretary, Cathy Bergeron and Treasurer, Bernadette Powers organized and enlisted old and new members to participate in the library's Annual Book Sale, Holiday Open House and Town Meeting Coffee Café. Chris Lindbergh assumed the herculean job of overseeing the Neighbors-In-Need Holiday Gift Giving Program, coordinating the donation, wrapping and delivery of gifts (the latter performed mostly by "herself dressed as an elf").

Looking forward to establishing a fundraising committee designed to secure major contributions from businesses, individual benefactors and foundations, the Friends intend to launch a major campaign if/when the Town endorses the building project. To this purpose, the Friends decided to apply to the IRS to become a tax exempt organization with a 501 C3 status.



Attempting to add more technology aimed at enhancing information retrieval and curriculum reinforcement for Middleton students, the Flint Public Library secured a federal grant through the Library Services and Technology fund amounting to \$6,000. This grant allowed the Flint to purchase a state-of-the-art computer with printer, electronic (CD ROM) resources, specialized subject reference works, literature programs, problem-solving programs as well as periodicals and educational videos.



The Lion's Club of Middleton generously donated a computer to the Children's Room that was networked with the Homework Center's computer. These two computers became available for students pursuing electronic information and software applications to complete homework assignments. The Homework Center was operational in January with the Story Time section converting daily into a space with homework tables and school supplies--calculators, pencils, paper, markers, dictionaries and thesauruses. Upwards of 20 students visit the Homework Center daily to work on homework assignments and/or to seek assistance with research projects.



Capitalizing on the revolutionary capacity of the Internet to connect users with current, valid and multi-dimensional data, the Flint constructed its own Web site so as to assist patrons find, manage and exploit Web-based information. Securing its own domain name--**www.flintlibrary.org**--the Flint produced a user friendly interface to numerous specialty databases containing periodical indices, full-text journal articles, reference resources, transcripts of educational T.V and radio programs, maps, images and videos. The Flint's Web Page allows access to the following electronic resources: *Searchbank*, *Electric Library*, *SIRS Researcher & Discoverer*, *CARL@Dialog*. As a matter of fact, if you visit the Flint Library's Web page from home, you can remotely utilize some of our subscription databases by simply inputting the 14-digit number attached to your Flint library card. The Flint now posts information about its hours of operation, programs, resources, policies and news on the net. The library's building plans have even been scanned into our Web page. We encourage patrons to email us with issues, suggestions and requests.

Striving to extend its range of connectivity so as to maximally employ existing library network resources, the Flint applied for and was awarded a grant jointly funded by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners and the Northeast Regional Massachusetts Library System to upgrade its membership status with the Merrimack

Valley Library Consortium. Basically, this grant will provide the Flint with two dedicated computer links to 29 networked online libraries geographically situated in the Northeast sector of Massachusetts. Telecommunications equipment, as well as two computers, terminal emulation software, a direct live link to the Internet and access to *EBSCO* (a database of thousands of full-text journal and newspaper articles for adults and children) were all embodied by this grant. Now, patrons can simultaneously search Middleton's library catalog of holdings and the holdings of the other 29 libraries in the region. This new wide area network linkage now brings Middleton into the same sphere of resource sharing and retrieval as the majority of regional libraries. With these two regional computers and with a plan to network the existing computer workstations to a single Broadband MediaOne cable modem through a gateway device, a total of six high-speed Internet connections will be available for patron use in the Children's Room and in the Adult Department as well.

At the beginning of the Fiscal Year, the Flint bid farewell to Albert Pelletier who retired as the library's custodian and groundskeeper, a position he held for over 17 years. Al enjoyed legendary status faithfully trekking to the library every morning at 5:30 a.m. to empty the book-drop and making sure the lawns were consistently manicured. John Baron replaced Al Pelletier and vows to keep the library up to Al's high maintenance standards. Marion Gilman, who served as the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees, stepped down after a very productive six-year stint. Mary Ann Erickson then became a Board member, moving into the Treasurer's slot.



This past year proved to be another banner year for the Children's Room, with a vast number of materials circulated and attendees at programs. For pre-schoolers, the library offered two morning Story Times for 3.5 - 5 year olds and a "3's Time" conducted by volunteer Dian Anderson. Younger children were able to participate in the very popular



monthly programs presented by Miss Jodi's Dance Studio and Music, Movement and Mother Goose. Special monthly after-school craft sessions were very popular for pre-schoolers and older children. Vehicle Night, a 4-H Babysitting Certification Program, Leslie Smith and the Magic Puppet Theater, ZAP—Unlocking the Mysteries of Electricity, a Bats Program from the Peabody Essex Museum, Hair-Wrapping by Kathy Champlain of E'Clips, Harpist, Nina Vickers, Keith Johnson's "Just for the Fun of It" sponsored by the Middleton Arts Council, all attracted large crowds. Perennial favorites—the Teddy Bear Picnic, the Pizza Picnic, the Ice Cream Social and a visit by Santa— (a.k.a., Town Administrator, Ira Singer) —were equally well attended.

As the plans for a larger, refurbished and more functional library become more definite, the Flint's lack of space and facility deficiencies continue to hamper its efforts to grow its collection, to offer a wider range of programs, to add more technology and to store valuable local history. As the circulation, acquisition and attendance statistics balloon each year, the library's current building becomes increasingly ill-equipped to serve the community. Now, more than ever before, the Flint needs broad-based community support for the preservation, expansion and update of its building. It is hoped that Middleton residents understand the library's space constraints and insufficiencies and overwhelmingly support the library construction project as it is put before the voters in the new millenium.

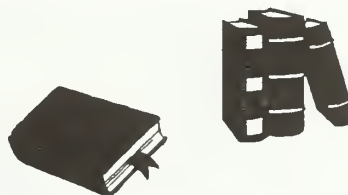
***"We Shape Buildings; Thereafter They Shape Us."*** Winston Churchill

"Winston Churchill's words are never more resonant as when we enter a library. Every Library, large or small, is a temple of learning. A monument to human achievement and learning."

The Gale Group

Respectfully Submitted,

Michele Mals



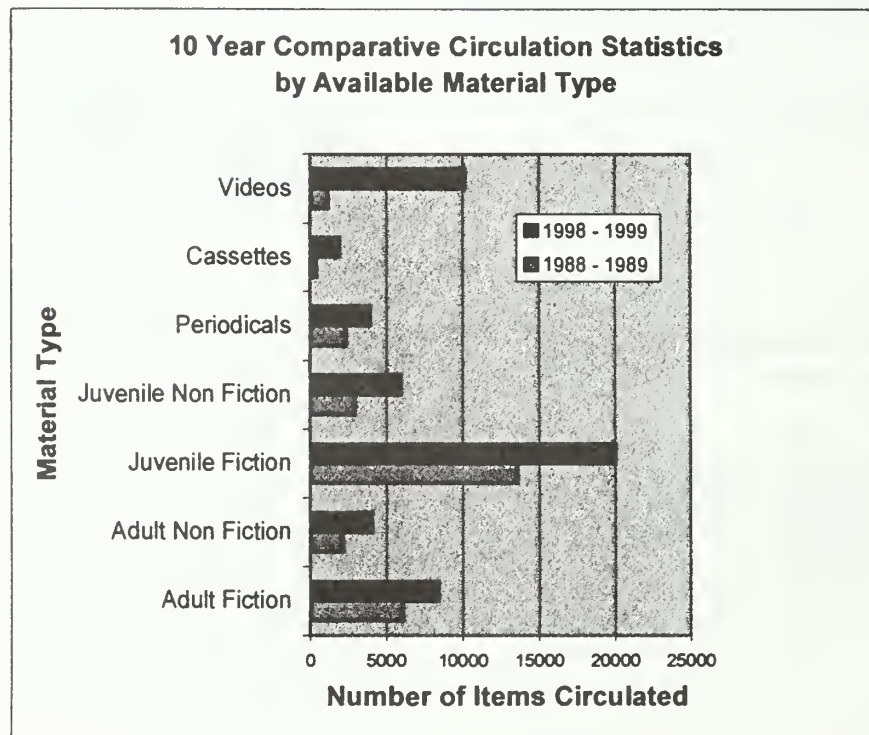
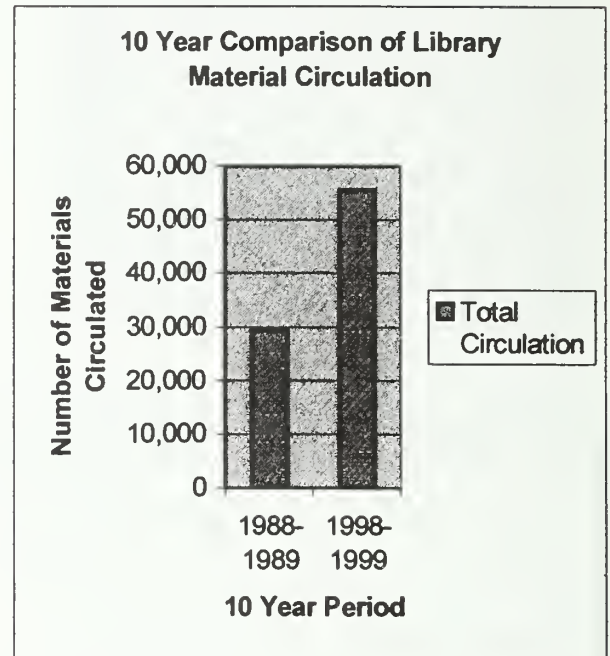
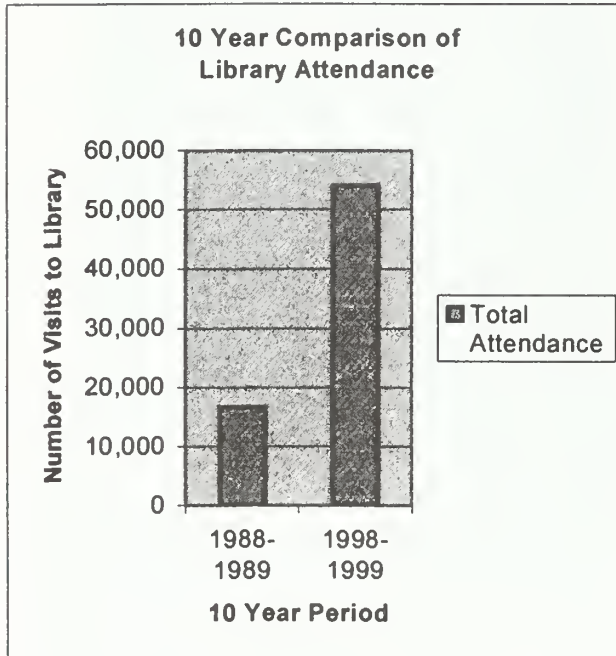
#### **Flint Library Trustees**

**Chair:** Leonard Stone  
**Secretary:** Ted Novakowski  
**Treasurer:** Marion Gilman  
**Member:** Lois Gianni  
**Member:** Brenda Kirwan

#### **Flint Library Staff**

**Director:** Michele M. Mals  
**Assistant Director:** Judy Gallerie  
**Adult Services Librarian:** Claudia Johnson  
**Outreach Coordinator:** Kathleen Brunaccini  
**Children's Librarian:** Meredith Tumer  
**Assistant Children's Librarian:** Shirley Matthews  
**Grounds and Facilities Custodian:** John P. Baron

## Increased Level of Activity and Service At the Flint Shown Over a 10 Year Period



**FEET PAINTING AND FEET WASHING**



***THE JOYS OF SUMMER 1998  
AT THE FLINT!***



**SUMMER PET SHOW AND PARADE**



**VEHICLE NIGHT - FRONT-ENDER  
COURTESY OF COLOSI CONSTRUCTION**





**KEITH JOHNSON'S "JUST FOR THE FUN OF IT"**



**FLINT STAFF WITH  
INTERLIBRARY  
VAN DRIVER**



**BRIDES AND GROOMS  
DANCE**

**MISS JODI OF  
DANCE, ETC.**

**SINGING WITH  
MOTHER GOOSE**

**(DARA VAN  
REMOORTELT)**

**AT MONTHLY  
MUSIC AND  
MOVEMENT  
PROGRAM**





# HAIR WRAPPING AND HOMEWORK

## ASPIRING HARPISTS







## ***ALL THE PRETTY PRINCESSES***



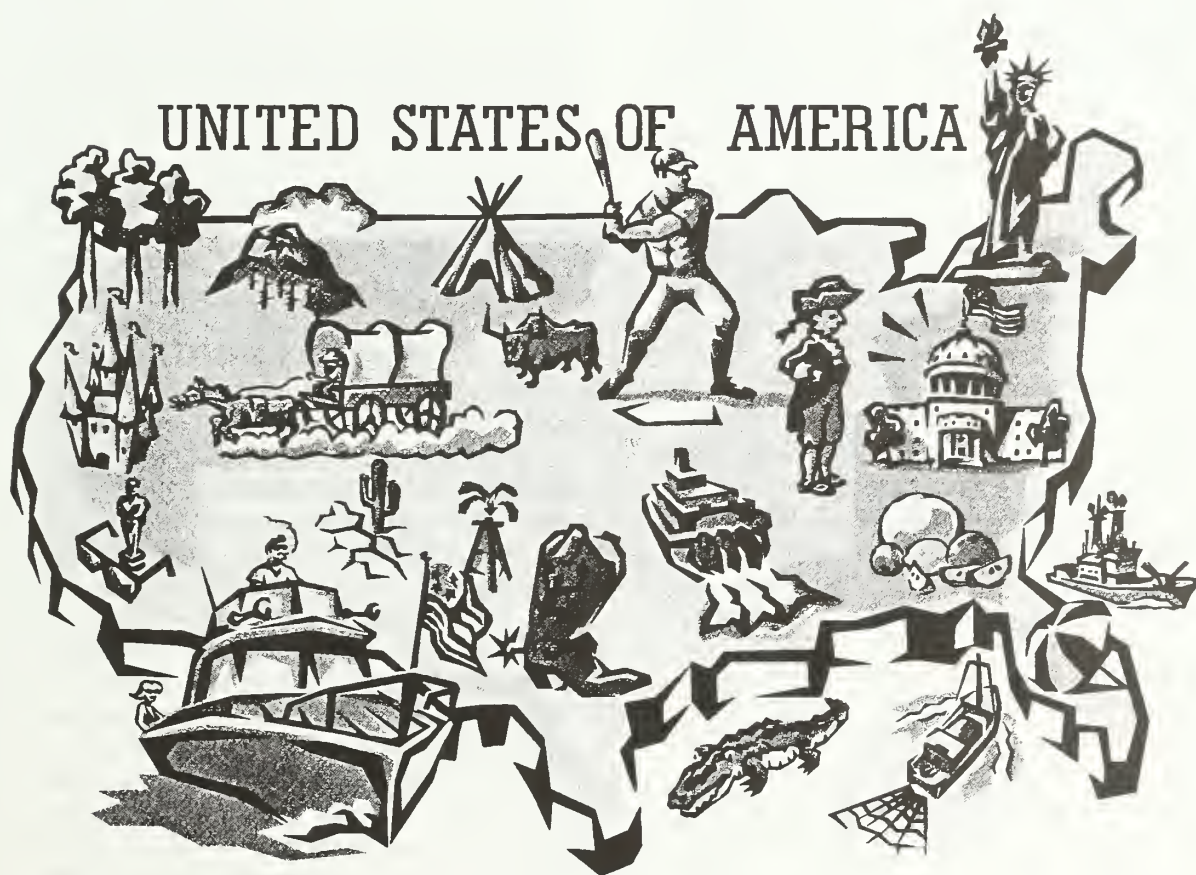


## HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Among the actions taken by the Middleton Historical Commission was the approval for signs for the Old School House on Essex Street, as well as signage at the site of the former East Street School.

Attention was also paid to all of the old cemeteries and to the old Fuller Cemetery in particular.

As the Flint Public Library is one of our finest historical properties, the Historical Commission was asked to review plans for the proposed addition to the Flint Library. The Commission has recommended the Library for the National Historic Register.



# RECREATION DEPARTMENT

The Middleton Recreation Department has continued to sponsor many activities throughout the year. This year we introduced the **Low Impact Aerobics Program** along with a new program called **Safety Village** as well as the ever-popular show **Disney On Ice**.

Our very popular **Summer Park Program** was directed under the leadership of Maureen Mortalo and her staff. We had an overwhelming turnout with over 275 children registered for the daily activities and fun. The program ran for six weeks from 8:30-12:30 during summer vacation.



In July our trip to **Water Country** was an exciting day. The weather was hot and sunny with a great turnout of 115 attending. Everyone had a great time so we organized another trip in August with the day being hot and humid with a turnout of 56 attending.

We offered our second year with the **Tootsie Roller Gymnastics Program**, which is for children up to the age of six. Meeting weekly, it was so successful that we had to have two classes with 40 participants learning to roll and tumble.

This year we started a program called **Safety Village**. This program was designed for children to learn about safety. It was a two-week program to which the children brought their bikes and learned bike safety and how to ride their bike throughout our custom designed "village." Many professionals came and spoke to the participants. We think this program will be very successful in the future as well.



The **Annual Town Picnic** was scheduled for the second Tuesday in August, but we had to postpone our annual trip for the first time in a long time due to rain. The following week turned out to be a great day. Heading up to Canobie Lake Park in Salem, New Hampshire we had 78 adults and 247 children enjoying the rides and activities.

Every year we have a **Winter and Summer Learn to Swim Program** at the Danvers Y.M.C.A. It runs for eight weeks for children from preschool to 12 years of age. There were 160 children that participated. After the lesson during the summer program the children could take advantage of the free swim offered in the afternoon.

Another event in which the Recreation Department participates is **The Pumpkin Festival**. The Friday night before the Pumpkin Festival, the Recreation Department assisted with the pumpkin carving, the results of which appeared on Pumpkin Row. We handed out safe carving tools as well as candy bars to the children for carving their masterpieces. Over 300 pumpkins were carved and displayed.



Santa was again a great hit with the children at our **Annual Christmas Party** in December. Once again we had a popular magician to entertain the children while they waited to see Santa. We also had face painting and a craft table so they could make their own decoration to take home. We had Tonnellis' pizza with Richardsons' ice cream for dessert. All the children got to tell Santa their Christmas wishes and they all received an early Christmas gift.

The February vacation was very busy on the Tuesday we had our ***Roller Skating Party*** over at Roller Palace in Beverly. There were over 145 adults and children that participated.



We also were lucky enough on Thursday during vacation to go to the Fleet to see the ***Disney On Ice production of The Little Mermaid***. There were 125 children and adults who took the buses from Fuller Meadow school to see this event. You should have seen the smiles on the children faces!

We were lucky enough to bring back the ever-popular ***Aerobic Program for Adults***. They met twice a week at the Fuller Meadow School gym to do their Low Impact Aerobics. We had two sessions that ran from January to June with over 45 adults attending. This coming fiscal year we hope to run four sessions from September to May.

We had 11 floats; over 150 children on decorated bikes, 25 walkers, and a band and well over 200 participants who marched down to Howe-Manning Park. We had events, drinks, food and activities for all. It turned out to a very hot and humid day and the Fire Department came down and cooled us off. For many adults it brought back a lot of memories. I believe it was a great way to start the summer. To bring back the family atmosphere, we as a committee hope to make it bigger and better each year.

In closing, the Recreation Department members are always looking for new and wonderful ideas, so please feel free to contact any board member with your suggestions or comments. We do want to thank everyone for all their efforts to ensure the success of these many activities. We look forward to another successful year with many new events to be added.

Respectfully submitted,



We were also able to bring back our ***4th Of July Parade***. With the help of many, many people and the cooperation of the Selectmen, Police, Fire and the DPW departments we were able to close down Route 62 for our parade.

Recreation Department Members  
 Gary R. L'Abbe, Chairman  
 Priscilla Neal, Secretary  
 Michele Nowack  
 Jan Thwing, Treasurer  
 Lou Fedullo





# MASCONOMET REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNUAL REPORT EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Since the 1999 Annual Report, the most significant trend at Masconomet continues to be growth. Between October 1998 and October 1999, the student population grew 5.9% with population projections for the next five years indicating continued growth. To accommodate this growth, Masconomet has taken both short term and long term measures. For the short term, we have made minor renovations to the existing space to create temporary instructional spaces. In addition, we have received approval for six modular classrooms, which will be erected during the summer and will open for students in September 2000.

The long-term measure taken to accommodate growth is the construction project approved by the three member towns in May and October 1998. The scope of this project includes constructing a new high school, and renovating the current high school for a middle school. Robert Kmetz, Building Committee Chair, and Susan Richardson, School Committee Chair turned over the ceremonial first spades of dirt to launch the construction at a ceremony on February 16, 2000. It is projected that the new high school will open in September 2001 and the new middle school will open in September 2002.

The scope of the building project also includes renovation of the Field House and the construction of two additional playing fields. During the construction, the Field House and playing fields will be unavailable to the school or the community at various points in time, and offsite facilities will be used for athletic events and graduation.

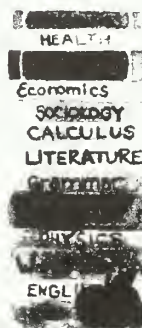
Growth in student population has also created the need to hire additional staff. Although there is a teacher shortage regionally and statewide, Masconomet has been very fortunate in attracting and keeping excellent teachers. The continuing excellent quality of our teaching staff is evident in the many awards and honors our students and our school continue to receive.

In addition, our test scores demonstrate the effectiveness of our teachers as well. Masconomet's performance on the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) was well above the state average at both the eighth and tenth grades. Masconomet is working closely with the elementary schools to coordinate and align the secondary and elementary curriculums to achieve even better results.

Masconomet has also developed a comprehensive website with detailed information about the school district, its curriculum, and major projects. The site is accessible at anytime by logging on to [www.masconomet.org](http://www.masconomet.org). In addition to information about the district, the website provides links that allow citizens to communicate quickly with school personnel. We invite you to log on, watch the progress of the building project, get information about curriculum, sports and activities, or communicate with school personnel. We always welcome the opportunity to share information about Masconomet with our communities.

Sincerely,

Kathleen M. Lynch, Ph.D.  
Superintendent of Schools



MASCONOMET REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
COMBINED BALANCE SHEET - ALL FUNDS  
JUNE 30, 1999

	<u>Governmental Fund Type</u>			<u>Fiduciary Fund Type</u>	<u>Total (Memorandum Only)</u>
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Capital Projects</u>	<u>Trust</u>	
<u>Assets</u>					
Cash and Investments	343,146.00	231,192.00	1,745,315.00	39,651.00	2,359,304.00
Total Assets	343,146.00	231,192.00	1,745,315.00	39,651.00	2,359,304.00
<u>Liabilities and Fund Equity</u>					
Liabilities:					
Payroll Deductions Payable	-	-		39,651.00	39,651.00
Bond Anticipation Notes Payable	-	-	1,122,000.00		1,122,000.00
Total Liabilities	-	-	1,122,000.00	39,651.00	1,161,651.00
Fund Equity					
Fund Balances:					
Reserved for Encumbrances	10,361.00				10,361.00
Reserved for Encumbrances - Y2K	75,119.00				75,119.00
Reserved for Petty Cash	625.00				625.00
Unreserved:					
Undesignated	257,041.00	231,192.00	623,315.00		1,111,548.00
Total Fund Equity	343,146.00	231,192.00	623,315.00	-	1,197,653.00
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	343,146.00	231,192.00	1,745,315.00	39,651.00	2,359,304.00

NOTE: INFORMATION IS DERIVED FROM THE JUNE 30, 1999 AUDIT FINANCIAL STATEMENTS



### School Committee

Gimmie Sue Valacer, Chair  
 Thomas Skinner  
 Joel Shamon  
 Ellen Weitzler  
 Richard White  
 Paul Woodbury

Term expires 2000  
 Term expires 2000  
 Term expires 2001  
 Term expires 2002  
 Term expires 2002  
 Term expired 1999

### SCHOOL COMMITTEE OPERATION

The Middleton School Committee holds regular monthly meetings generally once per month throughout the school year. Meetings are usually held on the second Thursday of the month at the Fuller Meadow School. Additional working sessions and meetings for special purposes such as budget and policy development are also scheduled. Interested citizens should check notices at Town Hall, which are posted two days or more in advance of any scheduled meeting. Sessions are open to the public and citizens are encouraged to attend. Individuals or groups may suggest an item to be placed on the agenda by forwarding a written request to the Superintendent of Schools or to the Chairperson of the School Committee.

The School Committee has all the powers conferred on it by state law and must perform those duties mandated by the state. Its responsibilities are varied but relate

primarily to policy determination. Some of the duties of the School Committee include:

- ☐ Preparation of an annual budget
- ☐ Program evaluations
- ☐ Approval of curriculum and materials
- ☐ Planning school services
- ☐ Collective bargaining
- ☐ Public relations

While the School Committee acts directly as the policymaking body relative to general educational policy, it seeks input from a variety of sources in its deliberations. The School Committee actively seeks the counsel and support of the administration, staff, School Councils, PTO, parents and the community. This input is generated through written and verbal communication



within the school community, biannual Open Forums on pertinent topics (e.g. curriculum, school hours, transportation) and working closely with other Town Boards and committees. Individuals and groups wishing

to address the School Committee at a meeting may do so on the agenda under "Remarks from the Public" or contact the chairperson by telephone or in writing.

## **MILESTONES**

In May 1999 Paul Woodbury completed his first term of service as a member of the Middleton School Committee. Mr. Woodbury chose not to seek re-election to the Committee. During his term of service Mr. Woodbury served as a member of the Tri-Town Union School Committee.

In May 1999 Principal Michelle Fitzpatrick was named to be the recipient of the Thomas E. Passios Outstanding Principal Award. The Massachusetts Department of Education, the Massachusetts Elementary Principals' Association and the Fitchburg State College Alumni Association jointly sponsor the award. As this year's honoree Mrs. Fitzpatrick was also named the 1999 National Distinguished Principal for Massachusetts. To receive this honor, Mrs.

Fitzpatrick traveled to Washington, D.C. in October to participate in the NDP Program with representatives from the other states as well as Department of Defense and private school honorees. The School Committee and the community as a whole are justly proud of this recognition for our schools, which is the result of much effort and hard work during the past seven years.

Two staff members retired at the end of the 1998-1999 school year. Irene Ashley had served for thirty-one years in the School Food Services program. Diane Hekimian has taught Art for thirteen years. Their combined forty-four years of service to the children of Middleton is appreciated and will be missed.

## **Administrative Personnel Changes**

In July 1998 Mr. Thomas Reis was appointed by the Tri-Town School Union Committee to serve as the Interim Superintendent of Schools for the 1998-1999 school year. In July 1999 Dr. Bernard F. Creeden became the Interim Superintendent of Schools and Mr. Michael Musto was appointed to the new position of School Business Administrator for the Tri-Town School Union.

The school budget for 1999-2000 established a full time principalship at the Fuller Meadow School. In July 1999 Dr. Malvena Baxter was appointed as principal for the Fuller Meadow School. Dr. Baxter had served the previous year as the Assistant Principal of Fuller Meadow and Howe-Manning schools.

## **Mission Statement**

The missions of the Middleton Elementary Schools, in cooperation with family and community, are to instill a joy of learning in all students, to promote academic

excellence, to be supportive of children's social and emotional needs, and to constantly strive for improvement in these areas.

## **Core Values of the Middleton Elementary Schools**

All children can be successful if they: are provided with opportunities to learn, are active in their own education, and are exposed to a variety of enriching experiences at school and home.

A strong climate of respect between children and the entire school community is necessary for children to reach their potential as productive students and citizens.

Effective education must be a partnership between school, home and community.

The major function of the School Committee continues to be the provision of the highest quality educational program within available funding resources. The grade level organization locates the Preschool and Kindergarten through Grade Three at the Fuller Meadow School and Grade Four through Grade Six at the Howe-Manning School.

Curriculum renewal continues to be provided through a strategic planning effort, which addresses each major curriculum area on a seven-year cycle. During the 1998-1999 school year the second year of a two-year phased implementation of the revised elementary science curriculum was completed. The third year of a five-year plan to integrate technology into the elementary school curriculum was implemented.

### **School Management and Governance Structure**

The principal is responsible for the daily operation of each school. This responsibility includes curriculum, instruction, personnel matters, student issues and physical plant.

School Councils are in place in each school. Members include the principal, parents (elected), teachers (elected), and a community member (appointed by the principal). The role of the School Council is to advise the principal on areas of school improvement. A three-year School Improvement Plan is developed by each School Council and approved by the School Committee.

The Superintendent is appointed by the Tri-Town School Union Committee (Superintendency Union 58). The School Union Committee jointly employs the Superintendent (PK-6), Assistant Superintendent, Administrator of Special Education, Assistant Administrator of

Special Education, and Director of Facilities and Operations as well as the secretarial and bookkeeping staff of the Central Office. The Superintendent acts as the Chief Executive Officer of the School Committee in the operation of the schools.

The 1998-1999 school year marked the sixth year of Middleton's membership in the Tri-Town School Union with Boxford and Topsfield. The year was one during which there was much debate within the School Union about its future. There was one change in the administrative structure, which was implemented in 1999-2000. A School Business Manager replaced the position of Assistant Superintendent in order to strengthen the financial management of the school district. In the judgment of the School Committee, Middleton's membership in the Tri-Town Union continues to benefit students, teachers and the community.

#### **School Administration Tri-Town School Union 1999-2000**

**School Superintendent:** Bernard F. Creeden, D. Ed.

**School Business Manager:** Michael Musto

**Administrator of Special Education:** Frank Scott, Ph.D.

**Assistant Director of Special Education:** Sally Fiore

**Director of Facilities and School Operations:** Kevin McGann



The Tri-Town School Union offices are located in the Fuller Meadow School.

**Supervising Principals:** Michelle Fitzpatrick, Howe-Manning School Grades 4-6  
1999-2000 Malvena Baxter, Ed.D, Fuller Meadow School Grades PK-3

**Pre-school Coordinator:** Deanne Shining, Fuller Meadow School  
1999-2000

### Fuller Meadow School Teachers 1999-2000

Catherine Driscoll  
Jeanne Lordan  
Karen Newhall  
Jennifer Fuller  
Eileen Mulligan  
Beverly Napieracz  
Janet Riley  
Barbara Putnam  
Kimberly Morin  
Stacey Begin  
Louise Kennedy  
Sheila Standing  
Debra Vickerman  
Laurie Murphy  
Kelly Hobey  
Jeralyn O'Connor  
Joyce Williamson  
Susan Costas  
Tracy Cleveland



Kindergarten  
Kindergarten  
Kindergarten  
Grade One  
Grade One  
Grade One  
Grade One  
Grade One  
Grade One  
Grade Two  
Grade Two  
Grade Two (.5)  
Grade Two (.5)/Reading (.5)  
Grade Two  
Grade Two  
Grade Three  
Grade Three  
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Grade Three  
Grade Three

### Howe-Manning School Teachers 1999-2000

Mary Anne Amero  
Barbara Deeley  
Judy Foley  
Kevin Husson  
Stephen O'Brien  
Stephen Belgiorio  
Katherine Gorman  
Cynthia Melancon  
Dina Hawkes  
Carolyn White  
Jane Rathe  
Mary Pelrine  
Jean Poirier  
Rana Chace  
Beth Ruhl



Grade Four  
Grade Four  
Grade Four  
Grade Four  
Grade Four  
Grade Five  
Grade Five  
Grade Five  
Grade Five  
Grade Five  
Grade Six  
Grade Six  
Grade Six  
Grade Six  
Grade Six



### Specialists 1999-2000

Veronica Ramos  
 Pamela Dalton  
 Arthur Sharp  
 Nancy Tumarkin  
 Ann Montani  
 Patricia Haines  
 Pamela Moline  
 Deborah Pazdziorny  
 Meredith Pecci  
 Penny Rogers  
 Deanne Shiningier  
 Lisa Besen  
 Christine Gallagher  
 Kathryn Foy  
 Louise King  
 Linda Cornell  
 Patricia Linscott  
 Carlotta Miller  
 Catherine Geomelos  
 Ann Daniels  
 Nancy Jones  
 Marie Pelletier  
 Sandra Rubchinuk  
 Julie Norris  
 Susan Slocum



Art (.6)  
 Art (.6)  
 Music  
 Music (.2)  
 Physical Education (.6)  
 Physical Education (.6)  
 Technology Coordinator  
 Technology Assistant (.5)  
 Guidance  
 Reading (.5)  
 FM/Resource Room (.7)  
 FM/Resource Room (.5)  
 FM/Resource Room  
 FM/Resource Room (.5)  
 HM/Resource Room  
 HM/Resource Room (.5)  
 HM/Resource Room  
 FM/HM Speech & Language  
 FM/Speech & Language (.22)  
 HM/Library Paraprofessional  
 FM/Library Paraprofessional  
 HM/FM Title One  
 Preschool  
 Preschool (.9)  
 Instrumental Music

### Instructional Aides

Mary Ellen Cerullo  
 Maureen Mortalo  
 Chris Wojciechowski  
 Mary Davis  
 Sheila Lishner  
 Cynthia Dellea  
 Susan Enos  
 Susan Kwiatek  
 Janet Bilecki  
 Paula Hamilton  
 Noreen Carterud  
 Christina Christianson  
 Carol Guthrie  
 Jill Barnes  
 Joan Pollock  
 Kathleen DiVaio  
 Judy Costigan  
 Susan Olmsted  
 Kathryn Foy  
 Nancy Visconte  
 Joanne Thorlin



FM/Preschool (.2)  
 FM/Preschool (.8)  
 FM/Preschool  
 FM/Preschool  
 FM/Preschool  
 FM/Preschool  
 FM/Kindergarten  
 FM/Special Education  
 FM/Special Education  
 FM/Inclusion Grade 1  
 FM/Special Education  
 FM/Special Education  
 FM/Inclusion Grade 3  
 FM/Inclusion Grade 3  
 FM/Inclusion Grade 3 (.6)  
 FM/Inclusion Grade 3 (.4)  
 HM/Special Education  
 HM/Special Education  
 HM/Special Education  
 HM/Special Education (.5)  
 HM/Special Education (.5)  
 HM/Special Education (.5)

### **Therapists (Part Time)**

Gary Marques  
Julie Anzalone  
Jeanne O'Dowd  
Anne D'Angelo

Registered Occupational Therapist  
C.O.T.A.  
C.O.T.A.  
P.T.

### **School Physician**

William Wiswell M.D.

### **School Nurses**

Dale Marshall  
Jennifer Gilardi (on leave)  
Melinda Gibbons  
Marie Perkins

Fuller Meadow  
Howe-Manning  
Howe-Manning (.6)  
Howe-Manning (.4)



### **School Secretaries**

Joan Garber  
Nancy Visconte  
Lorraine Tonnello

Fuller Meadow  
FM/Office Aide (.2)  
Howe-Manning

### **Food Service**

Tynne Sweeney  
  
Ann Richardson  
Sandra Pollock  
Barbara Mortalo  
Nancy Thurber  
Diane Green  
Patricia Gettings



Director

Fuller Meadow  
Fuller Meadow Cashier  
Howe-Manning  
Howe-Manning  
Howe-Manning  
Howe-Manning Cashier

### Custodians

Ernest Morin  
Louis Gentile  
Carol Twombly  
Robert Horvath  
George Lougee  
Manny Correia  
Steven Anzalone



Head Custodian/FM  
Head Custodian/HM  
Fuller Meadow (PT)  
Fuller Meadow (PT)  
Fuller Meadow (PT)  
Howe-Manning (PT)  
Howe-Manning (PT)

### School Enrollment October 1, 1999

	K	1	2	3	4	5	6
Fuller Meadow School	85	95	112	101			
Howe-Manning School					94	111	112

**DISTRICT TOTAL = 710 (plus 71 PreSchool students)**

### Enrollment Trends 1989-1999

Year	K-6	Increase	% Increase
1989-90	382		
1990-91	396	14	3.5%
1991-92	426	30	7.5%
1992-93	427	1	0.0%
1993-94	475	48	11.2%
1994-95	530	55	10.4%
1995-96	582	52	9.8%
1996-97	625	43	6.9%
1997-98	672	47	7.5%
1998-99	692	20	3.0%
10/1/99	710	18	2.6%



The above figures indicate an increase in enrollment in the Middleton Elementary Schools of 328 students over a ten-year period. This represents an **85.9 % increase** in the student population over this time period.



## Fiscal Operation

The budget development process is an extensive and involved task during which the Committee must make difficult decisions to bring into balance both the financial concerns of the community and elements of high quality, appropriate educational

services. Increasing costs associated with increased enrollment, school transportation, special education, building maintenance, and contracted salary increases, must be addressed within the context of limited fiscal support from the state.

**The School Department operating budget for the year 1998/1999 was as shown:**

General Administration and Supervision	\$ 289,472.00
Instructional Salaries	\$ 1,610,157.00
Instructional Materials	\$ 146,139.00
Other School Services	\$ 55,681.00
Regular Transportation	\$ 145,974.00
Fuel and Power	\$ 80,307.00
Building Operations and Maintenance	\$ 160,224.00
Fixed Charges	\$ 193,890.00
Special Education	\$ 763,768.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 3,445,795.00</b>

This program provides an environment in which both special needs and typical students share participation in a developmental learning, cost-effective, and purposeful program.



Seventy-one children were enrolled in two, three, or four-day programs during the 1998-99 school year.



## Educational Technology



The School Committee implemented portions of Year Three of its five-year plan, which has been approved by the State Department of Education. The focus of the plan in Year Three included the conversion of the computer lab from a Macintosh platform to a Windows platform with the purchase of twenty-five new computers and the establishment of a network at Howe-Manning School. In addition, ten individual computer stations were added and dedicated to the operation of the **Success**

**Maker Program** to assist students in the acquisition of literacy skills in reading and writing.

The Technology Plan continues to offer a comprehensive approach designed to provide the tools, curriculum, staffing and professional development necessary to enable Middleton elementary school students to use educational technology effectively as part of their everyday learning.

The Technology Plan provides a course of action that will ultimately require the investment of \$500,000.00 from a variety of public and private sources from 1996-2001 in order to provide improved learning opportunities across the curriculum for all students; high quality professional development for all staff; parent and community education offerings; efficient telecommunications between the schools, Central Office, Masconomet, the public library, other town offices and eventually between home and school. Year Three of the plan was implemented during the 1998-1999 school year.

Four underlying goals direct the elementary schools' technology initiatives in the Five Year Technology Plan:

- ☞ Providing a learning environment which enables students to master the appropriate uses of technology to produce higher achievement, increased creativity, greater application of critical thinking skills and the desire for life-long learning.

- ☞ Providing evidence of the capability of educational technology to improve student learning.
- ☞ Preparing teachers and staff for roles as teaming facilitators through continuous professional development opportunities.
- ☞ Recognizing and building on the human resources in the Middleton community to: share ideas and resources; generate strong support for educational technology; develop partnerships which allow for the maximum use of technology to link curriculum and instruction at the elementary level, with Masconomet, with the town and regional library systems and other educational organizations.

The plan continues to require broad support from many constituencies in town for it to be fully realized.

### **Teacher In-Service Training and Professional Development**

The Fuller Meadow School Council Improvement Plan, the Howe-Manning School Council Improvement Plan and the District Strategic Plan each place a strong emphasis on professional development and training for staff which focus upon identified curriculum and organizational priorities as well as the diverse learning needs of children. The primary areas of focus for 1998-1999 have included technology applications and integration, language arts, the diverse learning needs of children, writing across the curriculum, hands-on science and inclusion. Models for conducting professional development have included a combination of full day professional development days, after school and weekend workshops, summer

institutes, locally sponsored graduate courses, study groups, curriculum committees and a limited number of early release days offerings.

The School Committee continues to provide resources within its budget for professional development. In addition, the application of available grant funds from the State Department of Education has been instrumental in creating opportunities for teachers and other staff to maintain and update their professional skills. The School Committee continues to believe that professional development for staff is an important investment that will result in improved learning opportunities for children and increased achievement.



## **Special Needs Education**

School districts are mandated by state and federal laws to provide special education services to those students with a special need who require support in order to make effective educational progress and to ensure that these services occur in the least restrictive environment.

As of June 1999 there were one hundred twenty special needs students in the Middleton Elementary Schools. This included fifty students at Fuller Meadow, fifty students at Howe-Manning, seven in out-of-district placements and thirteen preschoolers, eleven of whom are enrolled in the Middleton Integrated Pre-school Program operated by the School Committee. The percentage ( 15.2 %) of students in K-6 with special needs is below the state average.

During the 1998-1999 school year, the Special Education staff consisted of a Special Education Administrator, a part-time assistant to the Administrator, and a special education secretary. These three positions are cost shared with Boxford and Topsfield as part of the Tri-Town School Union. Special Education staff at Fuller Meadow and Howe-Manning included seven full-time and/or part-time resource room teachers, two integrated Pre-school teachers, sixteen full and/or part-time instructional aides (including those who worked with specific individual students whose needs require one-on-one assistance), one full-time counselor, one full-time and one part-time speech/language therapist, three part-time occupational therapists and one part-time physical therapist.

Support services offered to students in the Middleton Schools range from the monitoring of their progress in regular education classes and consulting with their regular education teachers, to total academics in a substantially separate language-based program. As a school system, Middleton is committed to mainstreaming our special education students and continues to pursue effective ways to integrate our children into regular education programming.

Middleton belongs to the Greater Lawrence Educational Collaborative, which is comprised of nine Merrimack Valley school districts which come together with shared concerns. The Collaborative provides programs for low incident special needs students, serves as a resource to address special education issues, and offers many needed support services including professional development.

Parent involvement in Special Education is strongly encouraged and welcomed. Middleton, Topsfield, and Boxford parents of special education students have joined together to form the Parent Advisory Council (PAC). The PAC meets regularly during the school year. It has served as an arena for parents to discuss mutual concerns, arranged for a variety of interesting speakers, created a lending library, sponsored fund raising and other events, and provided input into the Special Education Department's programs and policies.

## **Closing Statement**

The School Committee appreciates the continuing support of the community as it works to meet its goals and expectations of the people of the town.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gimmie Sue Valacer, Chair  
Tom Skinner  
Joel Shamon  
Ellen Weitzler  
Richard White



# NORTH SHORE REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

*Mr. Roger Drysdale, Middleton Representative  
North Shore Regional Vocational School District Committee*

*Edmund W. Barry, Jr., Superintendent-Director  
North Shore Regional Vocational School District*

North Shore Technical High School, operated by the North Shore Regional Vocational School District, is in its eighth year of operation in its Middleton facility. The District administrative offices are located adjacent to the high school. The gymnasium is also a separate building located behind the school. The facility also includes a transportation building.

Student enrollment as of October 1, 1999 was 423. There continues to be a strong interest in vocational education and in the small, homelike atmosphere offered by North Shore. The school, however, continues to experience space shortages in classrooms, shop areas, the library and the cafeteria. An auditorium is also needed.

## **School Expansion Feasibility Study and Schematic-Design Study**

The School Expansion Feasibility and Schematic Design Study was completed by Mount Vernon Group Architects and Planners of Stoneham, MA in February 1999. The School Committee accepted the Study in February 1999. It was widely distributed among all the communities in the District. The School Committee adopted a warrant article for \$32.8 million for the projected costs of this project. Individual cost to each community based on student enrollment on October 1, 1998 and a Level Debt Service 5.5% Bond Interest, 4% Short Term Interest and a 24-Year Average were included in each warrant article.

The School Committee voted on March 25, 1999 to withdraw the warrant article based on District communities desire that North Shore Regional Vocational School District enter into a study of possible merge with Essex Agricultural and Technical High School and the re-admittance of Peabody into the District.

This study passed by the State Legislature is just getting started in December 1999 – January 2000 under the auspices of the Massachusetts Department of Education.

## **New England Association of Schools & Colleges, Inc., High School Accreditation**

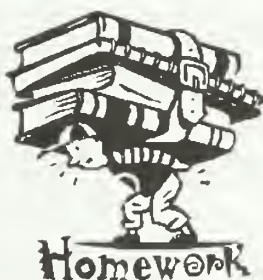
North Shore Technical High School is in the process of being accredited. The self-study component of this process is being done this school year (1999-2000). The visiting team from the New England Association of Schools and Colleges is scheduled to visit and evaluate the school and programs in October 2000.

## **Curriculum**

In response to MCAS scores, the administration of North Shore Technical High School dramatically altered the delivery of instruction in grade nine. All students now attend academic classes everyday. With this new schedule students will not begin an alternating vocational/academic schedule until their sophomore year. This change allows for a more efficient delivery of instruction and greater continuity.

Additionally, a new ninth grade science class was developed. In keeping with the frameworks, all students will now receive three years of science at North Shore Technical High School.

In an attempt to improve the writing skills of all students, the academic and vocational teachers attended multiple workshops designed to facilitate writing across the curriculum. All teachers will now require writing as part of the classroom/shop curriculum. Students are required to respond in writing to open-ended questions culled from the MCAS test.



After a thorough survey of results of the 1998 MCAS test, the mathematics department adjusted their curriculum through the addition of pre-algebra courses in both the ninth and tenth grade and the removal of applied mathematics in grade ten. Additionally, we continually adjust the curriculum of the fundamental of mathematics and the geometry courses after monitoring the content of the MCAS test.

The exploratory program, which offers exposure to all vocational programs to all freshmen, is now part of the freshman student's daily schedule. Students participate in exploratory three periods out of eight periods daily.

#### **MCAS Summer Program – 1999**

After identifying high-risk students through the use of standardized scores, we invited sixty (60) incoming freshmen to participate in the MCAS remedial summer program. Instructionally, the academic and vocational teachers believe the program was successful and hope that the program will be offered and possibly expanded again next summer.

#### **School Council**

The School Council, made up of faculty members, parents, business people and a student, met monthly with the principal. In addition to review of the budget and updating the handbook, the council advised the principal on the curriculum changes stated in this report.

#### **General and Program Advisory Committees**

The General and Program Advisory committees met the evening of Thursday, October 21, 1999. The General Advisory Committee is comprised of the chairman of each Program Advisory Committee. The Program Advisory Committee, in each vocational area, is made up of representatives of local business and industry related to the vocational program area, organized labor, parents and students.

The main topics and focus of the Program Advisory Committees were the purchase of new equipment in the vocational areas, technology needs in the various vocational areas, VICA, and industry needs.

The next meetings of the General and Program Advisory Committees are scheduled for Thursday May 4, 2000.

#### **Carpentry/Masonry Outside Projects**

The carpentry project is a 2200 square foot, three-bedroom house at 9 Ashland Place, Gloucester. The masonry project is a 50' x 90' concrete block addition to the Middleton Department of Public Works building.



These projects accomplish several of North Shore Tech's goals, most notably, giving the students practical job experience while providing a service to the community.

## Machine Technology

The Machine Technology shop has received three new machines and updated two existing machines. The new acquisitions include a Bridgeport EZ Trak 3-Axis C.N.C. (computer-numerical-control) milling machine and two EZ Path Romi C.N.C. lathes also manufactured by the Bridgeport Company. Two existing C.N.C. milling machines were retrofitted with new Anilam 1100 computer controls. In addition to this shop equipment the students have access to a C.A.M. (computer-aided-machining) drafting program that creates programs that control the new C.N.C. shop equipment.

This equipment is "state of the art" and will give Machine Technology students training that will prepare them for today's workplace.

## Co-Operative Education Work Program

The Co-operative Education Work Program allows qualified students to work at their trade prior to graduation.

## Technology

North Shore Regional Vocational School District continues to make improvements in the area of Technology. During the year approximately ten (10) classrooms and/or administrative areas were wired for connection to the local area network. About 90% of the classrooms are currently connected to the LAN with access to the Internet. Ninety-five to one hundred percent (95-100%) of our classrooms will be connected to the LAN, with Internet access, by the end of the school year.

## Special Education Department

Throughout this past year there have been a number of legal changes in special education at both the state and federal levels, resulting in newly required policies and procedures.

The special education staff is being provided with ongoing training in order for them to learn to implement the new requirements.

Some of the changes include a new Individualized Education Plan (IEP) to be implemented in September of 2000, a new IEP process, increased frequency for the reporting of student progress, and a greater focus on transition planning. With regard to MCAS, new changes focus on ensuring that students have access to the general curriculum, and that all students with disabilities participate in state and district-wide assessments.

The total enrollment in special education for this year is 179 students, which is approximately 43% of the students at North Shore Technical High School. The breakdown according to prototype is as follows:

72%	Classified as 502.2	Up to 25% of time in a separate program
17%	Classified as 502.3	25-60% of time in a separate program
11%	Classified as 502.4	Substantially separate program

## Athletic Department

All of the athletic field's onsite are now open and it has made life a little easier for all involved with fall and spring athletics.

The concession stand opened this fall and the boosters made good use of it during the football and soccer games. Work has also started on the press box and will be completed in the spring. Portable bleachers were purchased and erected on the football/soccer field. They have been broken down for the winter and spring seasons.





## Transportation Department

The Transportation Department provided transportation to approximately 400 students to and from school on a daily basis. Last year we increased the number of late buses and sports late buses from three to four. This has worked

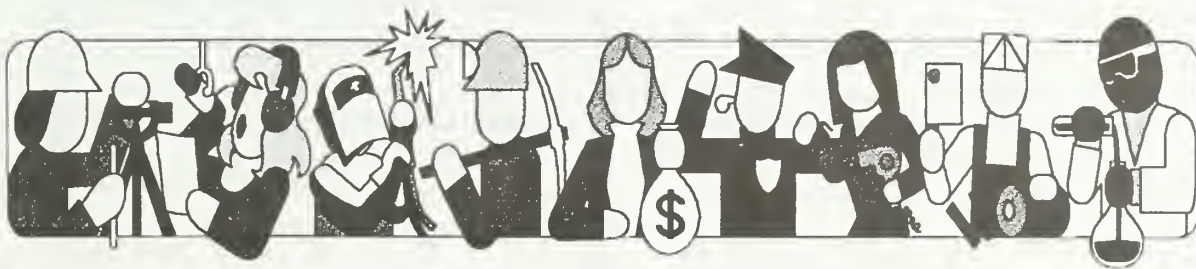
## Adult Education

Adult Evening Education at North Shore is a self-supporting program that offers more than 54 vocational-technical classes that enhance the professional and personal lives of the adult members of our community. The Program serves nearly one thousand adult students participating in a wide variety of courses. Popular fields of study include, computers, health, construction, welding, culinary, automotive and business skills. A number of courses have state approval for professional and trade license preparation.

very well. Some of the student's ride home was reduced by up to a half an hour. The number of students using the sports buses continues to increase. This continues to put a high demand on the Transportation Department.

The Adult Education Programs continue to enjoy a reputation of providing quality vocational-technical education to a demanding clientele that faces an ever changing work place. As part of our on-going effort to provide competitive and progressive programming more than twenty-five (25) percent of the current year's course offerings are new or greatly modified.

Adult Education at North Shore provides a much-needed service and is embraced by the community as an outstanding educational opportunity.





## MIDDLETON BOARD OF HEALTH

The Board of Health changed their septic system regulations in March of 1999. The new regulations reduced the size of septic systems by 25% compared to the rules in effect before. The town rules are still more protective of the environment than State Code, Title V. America Glue, School Street was declared a superfund site. Fill was put on a lot at Nichols Lane in 1998 and it was found to contain unacceptable levels of petroleum hydrocarbons. The Board of Health has been trying to have this material re-located to an acceptable site ever since. The Board of Health assisted MASCO High School and the Vocational High School in running a hepatitis B vaccination program for the students at the two schools these past two years. The Board of Health mailed information on septic systems to every home in town with a septic system, including information on low interest loans and a tax credit program. There was a small fire in the kitchen at the jail. I was called in to check on the food. Any smoked food was thrown out.

The Board of Health members are:

Dale Buckley, Chairman  
Dr. Robert Nersasian  
Niru Patel  
Dr. Jay Afrow  
Mary Jane Morrin

New members Robert Ambrefe and Paul LeBlanc were appointed since July 1999 to replace Niru Patel and Dr. Robert Nersasian.

Your Board of Health Agent is Leo Cormier and the secretary is Helen Freedman.

### Miscellaneous Work

From 1995 to June 30, 1999 there were 214 Title V inspections done in Middleton. 163 passed and 51 failed the Title V inspection, a 24% failure rate.

Health Agent Meeting	14
Masco Health Council	1
Beverly Hospital Regional Agents Meetings	4
Soil Evaluation Workshop	1
Court Dates	4
DEP Open House	1
DEP Meeting	1

Pike Messenger, in his capacity as part-time Conservation Commission Agent, filled in for Leo Cormier on a few occasions.

MEETINGS / WORKSHOPS		INSPECTIONS	
Betterment Meeting	1	Chapter II Home Inspections	2
Board of Health Meetings	14	Day Camp Inspections	2
Board of Selectmen Meeting	2	Day Care Center inspection	1
Flu Medicare Workshop	1	Landfill Capping East Street	3
Flu H.M.O. meeting	1	Massage Salon Inspections	6
Healthy Communities Meetings	8	Motel/Hotel Inspections	2
MACC/Con. Comm. Meeting	1	Pig Farm Inspections	1
Masco Health Council Meeting	1	Pool Inspections	10
MHOA Workshop	3	Restaurant Inspections	34
North Shore Registered Health Agents Network Meeting	10	Restaurant Inseptions Nelly Janga	49
North Shore Vocational School Health Advisory Meeting	1	Restaurant Inspections Nelly Janga	43
Staff Meeting	2	Tanning Salon Inspections	1
Serve Save Course	1	Wreath School Inspections	1
Solid Waste Committee Meeting	1	<b>SEPTIC / OTHER</b>	
<b>TESTS / SAMPLES</b>		Septic Inspections	242
Installers Tests	6	Septic Inspections-Pike Messenger	15
Perc Tests by Health Agent	87	Septic Plan Approvals	47
Soil samples to lab	1	Septic Plans Reviewed	75
Thunderbridge Beach Closed	1	Complaints Answered	45
Thunderbridge Beach Samples	2	Flu clinics	2
Well Tests by Health Agent	22	HHWC Day	1
Well Tests by Pike Messenger	2	Orders from Board of Health	16
		Trips to pick up vaccines	9



### Licenses, Permits Issued Fiscal Year 1999

Well Tests	20	Milk & Cream Licenses	50
Food Service Permits	50	Frozen Dessert	9
Installers Permits	40	Milk Pasteurization	1
Haulers	4	Swine Permit	1
Massage Salons	4	Camp Licenses	2
Massage Therapists	8	Pool Permits	4
Tanning Salon	1	Hot Tubs	8
Water Bottling	1	Tobacco Permits	11
Hotel/Motel Licenses	2	Burial Certificates	7
Hypodermic Syringes	2	Perc Tests	84
Septic system permits	70		

### Board of Health Fees Collected

July 1, 1998 through June 30, 1999

**\$32,186.69**

# COUNCIL ON AGING



The Middleton Council on Aging and Senior Center has had a busy and successful year serving the elders of the community. Direct services are available to all residents 60 years of age and older. The following report offers a brief overview of some of the activities and services which have taken place between July 1, 1998 and June 30, 1999.

The Senior Center, which is located in the Old Town Hall at 38 Maple Street, is open three (3) days a week, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. There are a variety of activities taking place on those days, as well as lunch being served. Patti Flynn, our creative Meal Site Director, oversees the lunch program, which includes monthly birthday celebrations and special holiday meals. All residents 60 years of age and older are welcome to join us for lunch. Reservations can be made by telephoning the center where monthly menu/activity calendars are available. Home delivered meals are available for those seniors who are homebound or unable to prepare food independently. The meal program is funded in part by federal grants, participant donations, and municipal dollars.

During the past year:

- 2,619 **congregate meals** were served
- 3,442 meals were delivered to over 30 residents in need of nutritional assistance at home
- 175 residents participated

**Weekly yoga classes** are held on Monday mornings and continue to be well attended. This gentle form of exercise has been proven to increase physical and mental well being for participants. Classes are provided by a certified instructor at a cost of \$2.00 per lesson. Newcomers are always welcome.

**Beano** remains very popular and takes place on Mondays following lunch. Special thanks to Guy Zaccone, who volunteers many hours every Monday as our beano caller and organizer.

Our **monthly activity calendar** lists full-length movies, which are shown on Wednesday or Friday afternoons. This is a great opportunity to enjoy the latest movie hits as well as old favorites. Films are shown on a large screen TV, which allows for increased visibility and closed captioning. This is a nice option for those who may be visually and/or hearing impaired. Refreshments are served during the feature presentations.



Increased communication to the Middleton Senior community has been a key focus during the past year. With the mailing of the newsletter "**Middleton Senior News**" to 1200 senior residents (approximately 840 head of households receive the mailing), we have increased the interest and participation level in our various programs. In response to increased participation, particularly in our special holiday and luncheon programs, a **Subcommittee for Long Term Planning** was created to address space and parking issues. Members include: Mary Jane Morrin and Nancy Jones (Selectpersons), Susan Moore (COA Chairperson), Ethel Lee (COA Vice Chairperson), Kay Martinuk (COA Board member), Citizens-at-large Sandy Masi, Lou Fedullo, and the COA Director. After committee discussion and then discussion with the Board of Selectmen, a recommendation was proposed to request usage of the American Legion Post 227 Function Hall on River Street, Middleton. The COA Director and Meal Site Director Patti Flynn met with the American Legion Commander and members to outline four potential dates for function hall usage in FY 2000. The American Legion members were pleased to support the Middleton Senior community and approved our request.

Our popular "**Coffee Forums**" recruit speakers to provide critical information on various health, safety, financial, and legal issues important to seniors. We have increased this popular program to meet at least twice monthly with scheduled topics publicized in local newspapers, cable TV, our newsletter and monthly activity calendars.



We are very pleased to report that our **monthly day bus trips** have been filled to capacity. Members of the Trip Committee on the Council On Aging, have organized wonderful trips to destinations that include; the White Mountains of New Hampshire, the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston, Newport, Rhode Island, and The Boston Symphony Orchestra Holiday Pops Concert.

**Van transportation** continues to be another key element in serving the needs of the Middletown seniors. We have a van available for all center activities. The van also transports seniors locally for groceries, banking, and postal needs. Sandy Masi, our dedicated van driver, introduced the very popular van mini-trips. Our monthly activity calendar lists these mini-trip destinations that include Rockport, Salem, and "Mystery Rides". Seniors are asked to call the Senior Center to make reservations for the trips that they are interested in.



The van is also used five days per week for the **Home Delivered Meals Program**. This provides clients with not only meals, but also a personal contact with Sandy. This regular contact is most important to those who are homebound and something that is eagerly anticipated. The transportation program also provided for area medical appointments. This is a very busy and worthwhile program. Monthly trips during the past year averaged 50, with Janet Prochilo, our **Medical Transportation Coordinator**, overseeing and coordinating the scheduling of this service which is provided by local residents.

Last fiscal year proved to be successful as always when it came to special events and holidays. Our *Annual COA Senior Picnic*, held at Howe-Manning Park in July was well attended. The cookout was held in conjunction with the recreation program, during which the children attending the summer parks program provided both decorations and assistance. The Town Administrator, Middleton Kiwanis, and other "official" cooks grilled hot dogs and hamburgers to perfection. Everyone enjoyed a delicious ice cream dessert donated by Richardson's Dairy. Our *Halloween Party* is always a fun time. We enjoy seeing all the creative costumes as we eat lunch in our own "haunted house" decorated by Patti Flynn, our Meal Site Director. The annual *Thanksgiving* dinner was a great success with the staff serving the meal at the center, in order to give volunteers the "day off" to enjoy the occasion. Seniors enjoyed the musical entertainment of a Sweet Adelines trio following the meal. The *Christmas* lunch and celebration was highlighted with holiday music, a visit from Santa, and a gift swap. The *January Thaw* was held at Angelica's Restaurant with over 140 Middleton Seniors attending and enjoying a festive afternoon of socializing and dancing.

It is important to note the dedication and hard work of the **volunteers** who spent over **4,500 hours** in service with a variety of things such as meals, maintenance, instruction, transportation, newsletters, trips, activities, and so much more. The dollar value of these services amounted to an approximate **saving to the Town of \$35,000!** These hours of service are deeply appreciated. **THANK YOU!!**

Many thanks to the Town Administrator, Board of Selectmen, all the Town Departments, as well as the members of the Council On Aging Board for helping to make this another successful year in providing services to the Middleton Seniors.

Respectfully submitted,

Lindsey D. Snavelly  
Director, Council On Aging



# MIDDLETON HOUSING AUTHORITY

## QUARTERLY OPERATING STATEMENT

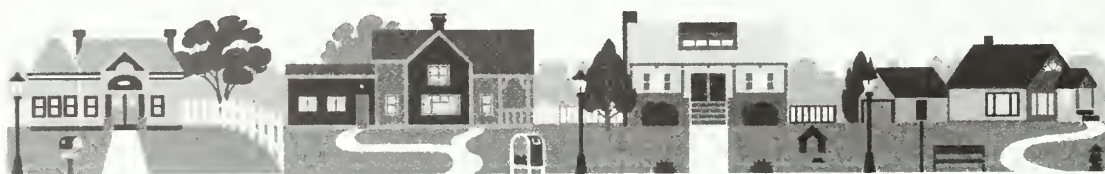
PERIOD REPORTED: July 1, 1998 to June 30, 1999

LHA NAME: MIDDLETON  
FISCAL YEAR ENDING: June 30, 1998

Program No. 1840240001  
No. of Units: 66  
Unit Months: 792

ACCOUNT NUMBER		PROPOSED BUDGET		ACTUAL TO DATE	
	CLASSIFICATION	ANNUAL AMOUNT	PUM	PUM	AMOUNT
OPERATING RECEIPTS					
3110	Shelter Rent - Tenant	201,000.00	253.79	266.66	211,197.00
3115	Shelter Rent - Federal Section 8				
3190	Nondwelling Rentals				
3610	Interest on Investments	2,300.00	2.90	5.93	4,694.48
3690	Other Operating Receipts	1,800.00	2.27	2.42	1,914.68
3000	TOTAL OPERATING RECEIPTS	205,100.00	258.96	275.01	217,806.16
NON UTILITY EXPENDITURES					
4110	Administrative Salaries	27,704.00	34.98	33.70	26,688.80
4130	Legal	150.00	0.19	0.09	75.00
4140	Members Compensation				
4150	Travel & Related Expense	1,000.00	1.26	0.14	107.95
4170	Accounting Services				
4190	Administrative Other	4,379.00	5.53	3.96	3,135.11
4110	TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE	33,233.00	41.96	37.89	30,006.86
4230	Tenant Organization	50.00	0.06	0.00	0.00
4110	Maintenance Labor	37,268.00	47.06	42.85	33,934.56
4420	Materials & Supplies	8,000.00	10.10	9.61	7,607.39
4430	Contract Costs	6,450.00	8.14	5.07	4,017.16
4400	TOTAL MAINTENANCE	51,768.00	65.30	57.53	45,559.11
4510	Insurance	4,763.00	6.01	5.28	4,184.90
4520	Payment in Lieu of Taxes	3,800.00	4.80	4.32	3,418.88
4540	Employee Benefits	16,050.00	20.27	19.31	15,289.71
4500	TOTAL GENERAL	24,613.00	31.08	28.91	22,893.49
4790	Provision for Operating Reserve	1,000.00	1.26	1.26	1,000.00
4799	Provision for Capital Reserve				
4700	TOTAL RESERVES	1,000.00	1.26	1.26	1,000.00
4800	EOCD - Directed Costs				
4900	Debt Service (Section 8 ONLY)				
TOTAL NON-UTILITY COSTS		110,614.00	139.60	125.59	99,459.46

ACCOUNT NUMBER		PROPOSED BUDGET		ACTUAL TO DATE	
CLASSIFICATION		ANNUAL AMOUNT	PUM	PUM	AMOUNT
UTILITIES					
4310	Water & Sewer	11,300.00	14.27	11.26	8,919.67
4320	Electricity	48,250.00	60.92	56.19	44,499.49
4330	Gas	100.00	0.13	5.81	
4340	Fuel				
4360	Energy Conservation				
4390	Other - Septic/Sewerage	5,500.00	6.94	5.81	4,602.40
4300	TOTAL UTILITIES	65,150.00	82.26	79.07	58,021.56
4000	TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES	65,150.00	82.26	79.07	58,021.56
NET INCOME (DEFICIT) BEFORE SUBSIDY		139,950.00	176.70	195.94	159,784.60
7300	Operating Subsidy Earned - Line 11 051-5			0.00	0.00
NET INCOME (DEFICIT) BEFORE NONROUTINE EXPENDITURES		139,950.00	176.70	195.94	159,784.60
NONROUTINE EXPENDITURES AND (CREDITS)					
6210	Prior year & Other Adj. Debit (Credit)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
6510	Extraordinary Maintenance	50,700.00	64.02	2.54	2,010.00
6580	Collection Loss	1,257.00	1.59	1.59	1,257.00
7520	Replacement of Equipment	3,004.00	3.79	3.11	2,464.84
7530	Receipts from Sale of Equipment (Credit)				
7540	Betterments & Additions	2,500.00	3.16	1.64	1,300.00
TOTAL NONROUTINE (SCHEDULE V)		57,461.00	72.55	8.88	7,031.84
2700	NET INCOME (DEFICIT)	82,489.00	104.15	187.06	152,752.76



# BALANCE SHEET

## ADMINISTRATION

Program Number: 184020001

Period Ending: June 30, 1999

### ASSETS

#### ACCOUNT NUMBER

#### CASH

1112	Administration Fund	74,472.45	
1114	Security Deposit Fund	(320.00)	
1117	Petty Cash	75.00	74,227.45

#### ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

1121	Federal and EOCD-Section 8 Subsidy-Shelter Rent		
1122	Tenants Accounts Receivable	2,781.07	
1125	EOCD Subsidy		
1129	Other	0.00	2,781.07

#### ADVANCES

1155	Revolving Fund Advances		0.00
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#### INVESTMENTS

1162	Investments (Schedule II)	160,905.43	160,905.43
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#### FISCAL AGENT FUNDS

1171	Debt Service Fund (Schedule I)		
1172	Debt Service Trust Fund-Cash (Schedule I)		
1173	Debt Service Trust Fund-Investments (Schedule I)		
1176	Debt Service Subsidy (Schedule VI)		

#### DEFERRED CHARGES

1211	Prepaid Insurance	0.00	
1212	Inventory-Materials/Fuel		
1290	Other (Schedule III)	0.00	0.00

#### DEVELOPMENT COST

1400.2	Development Cost	2,150,512.35	
1400.3	Less: Dev. Cost Liquidation	(101,000.00)	2,049,512.35
1400.4	Inventory of Furniture & Equipment	93,424.20	
1400.5	Dev. Cost Inventory of Furniture & Equipment-Contra	(22,379.95)	71,044.25
	(Date of Last Physical Inventory	6/30/98	
1400.6	Completed Modernization Cost 667	363,436.88	
1400.7	Completed Modernization Cost 1002	205,637.96	
1400.8	Completed Modernization Cost 1003	127,949.71	
	Completed Modernization Cost	0.00	

1690	Undistributed Debits		697,024.55
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#### TOTAL ASSETS

3,055,495.10



## LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS

### ACCOUNT NUMBER

#### ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

2111	Accounts Payable-Other (Schedule IV)	666.30	
2112	Contract Retentions		
2114	Tenants Security Deposits		
2117	Employee's Payroll Deductions	94.06	
2118	Accounts Payable-EOCD Subsidy Overpayment	0.00	
2119	Accounts Payable-Revolving Fund		<b>760.36</b>

#### ACCRUED LIABILITIES

2137	Payment in Lieu of Taxes		
2139	Accrued Liabilities-Other	0.00	
2140	Matured Interest and Principal (Schedule VI)		<b>0.00</b>

#### DEFERRED CREDITS

2210	Prepaid Partial Payments-707		
2240	Tenants Prepaid Rents	872.02	
2290	Undistributed Credits	17,862.44	
2291	Deferred Subsidy		
2292	Deferred Credits-Other		<b>18,734.46</b>

#### FIXED LIABILITIES

2320	Grants Issued	1,936,512.35	
2321	Bonds Issued	101,000.00	
2323	Less: Bonds Retired	(101,000.00)	
2324	Cumulative EOCD Modernization Contribution	697,024.55	
2325	Notes Issued		
2326	Less: Notes Retired		<b>2,633,536.90</b>

#### SURPLUS

2400	Valuation of Fixed Assets	71,044.25	
2460	Gifts and Donations	113,000.00	
2550	Debt Service Reserve		
2551	Unamortized Bond Premium		
2552	Debt Service Requirement		
2553	Debt Service Contribution		
2560	Capital Reserve	6,223.18	
2590	Operating Reserve	168,994.81	
2700	Net Income (Deficit)	42,201.14	<b>212,195.95</b>
			<b>402,463.38</b>

#### TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS

**3,055,495.10**



# MIDDLETON HOUSING AUTHORITY

## SCHEDULE I

PROJECT	DEBT SERVICE FUNDS	DEBT SERVICE TRUST FUND-CASH	DEBT SERVICE TRUST FUND-INVESTMENTS
TOTAL PER BALANCE SHEET	0.00	0.00	0.00

**SCHEDULE II**

## INVESTMENTS-ACCOUNT 1162

BANK	TYPE	DUE DATE	AMOUNT INVESTED	MATURITY VALUE
MMDT	Money Market	None	18,081.72	None
Family Bank	Savings	None	136,600.53	None
Family Bank	Cap Res 6 mo CD	8/4/99	6,223.18	5.35% Rate
TOTAL PER BALANCE SHEET			160,905.43	

### SCHEDULE III

## DEFERRED CHARGES-OTHER-ACCOUNT 1290

	0.00
TOTAL PER BALANCE SHEET	0.00

## SCHEDULE IV

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE-OTHER-ACCOUNT 2111

Misc.	666.30
TOTAL PER BALANCE SHEET	666.30

**SCHEDULE V**\***SCHEDULE OF NONROUTINE EXPENDITURES**

PRIOR YEAR & OTHER ADJUSTMENTS DEBIT (CREDIT)-ACCT. 6210	AMOUNT
TOTAL - Account 6210	0.00

## EXTRAORDINARY MAINTENANCE-ACCT. 6510

Carpet (6 Units)

MOD-Painting

## AMOUNT

3,329.90

7,973.14

TOTAL - Account 6510

11,303.04

## REPLACEMENT OF NONEXPENDABLE EQUIPMENT-ACCT. 7540

Refrigerators (2)

Water Heater

Lawnmower

## AMOUNT

770.00

809.04

419.95

TOTAL - Account 7540

1,998.99

## PROPERTY BETTERMENTS AND ADDITIONS-ACCT. 7540

Computer

Fax machine

## AMOUNT

2,541.00

339.97

TOTAL - Account 7540

2,880.97

\*TOTAL AMOUNTS SHOULD AGREE WITH PAGE 051-1 (ATTACH SCHEDULE IF NEEDED)

## SCHEDULE VI

PROJECT	MATURED INTEREST AND PRINCIPAL ACCOUNT 2140	A/R DEBT SERVICE SUBSIDY ACCOUNT 1176	DEBT SERVICE CONTRIBUTION ACCOUNT 2553
TOTAL PER BALANCE SHEET	0.00	0.00	0.00

## REPORT OF TENANTS ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

QUARTER ENDED:

June 30, 1999

Program/Development #

1840240001

No. of Dwelling Units

66.00

A. No. of Tenants in Possession (Last Day of Current Quarter)

66.00

B. Total Charges to Tenants (Last Month of Current Quarter)

\$

17,088.00





# MIDDLETON HOUSING AUTHORITY

FISCAL YEAR  
7/1/98 – 6/30/99

## ACHIEVEMENTS



### Adopted New Regulations

The General Administration of Local Housing Authorities and the Occupancy Standards and Tenants Participation of State Aided Housing were adopted to replace eight existing regulations, thereby effectively updating and coordinating numerous documents pertaining to housing provisions.



### Expansion of Orchard Circle Community Garden

The MHA encouraged the expansion of the Community Garden and this was accomplished with the exceptional assistance of tenant Robert Keith.



### Administrative Assistant Position

Through its diligence, the Commissioners succeeded in finally securing DHCD approval for a part-time Administrative Assistant Position.



### Technology

The MHA prepared early for a smooth technological entrance into the year 2000 by analyzing all aspects of its operation and by purchasing a year 2000 compliant computer.



### Capital Improvement Budget

After years of fiscal responsibility, a Capital Improvement Budget completely funded by the MHA was established.



### Orchard Circle Exterior Painting

The Board authorized an \$87,000.00 contract for lead paint abatement and exterior painting at Orchard Circle.



### Tenant Organizations

Both the Orchard Circle Tenants' Organization and the Memorial Drive Tenants' Organization held meetings after receiving encouragement from the MHA to end their long hiatus.



### Vacancies

The MHA managed to reach all occupancy goals for FY '99 despite a 12-unit turnover during this period.



### Financial

All of the FY '99 Budget Projections were met. As a result the MHA will realize more than the minimum surplus anticipated.



### Summary

In conclusion, the Middleton Housing Authority would like to acknowledge the Fire Department, the Police Department and the Public Works Department for their help and cooperation throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Clauss, Chairman  
Kathleen Thurston, Executive Director  
Faith Anderson Stone, Vice-Chairperson  
Marie DiPietro, Administrative Assistant  
Charles Collier, Treasurer  
Paul Pellicelli, Maintenance Mechanic  
Mary Jane Morrin, Assistant Treasurer

# SOLID WASTE & RECYCLING COMMITTEE

This year Middleton has continued to operate its Transfer Station as an attractive and cost efficient benefit to the Town. Our long-term contract with Ogden Martin Systems has sheltered us from the cost escalation being faced by some of our neighbors. The ability to haul all our own materials to their destinations has also proved to be a financial boon. Middleton continues to increase the amount of material that is recycled. For the second year in a row we have increased our

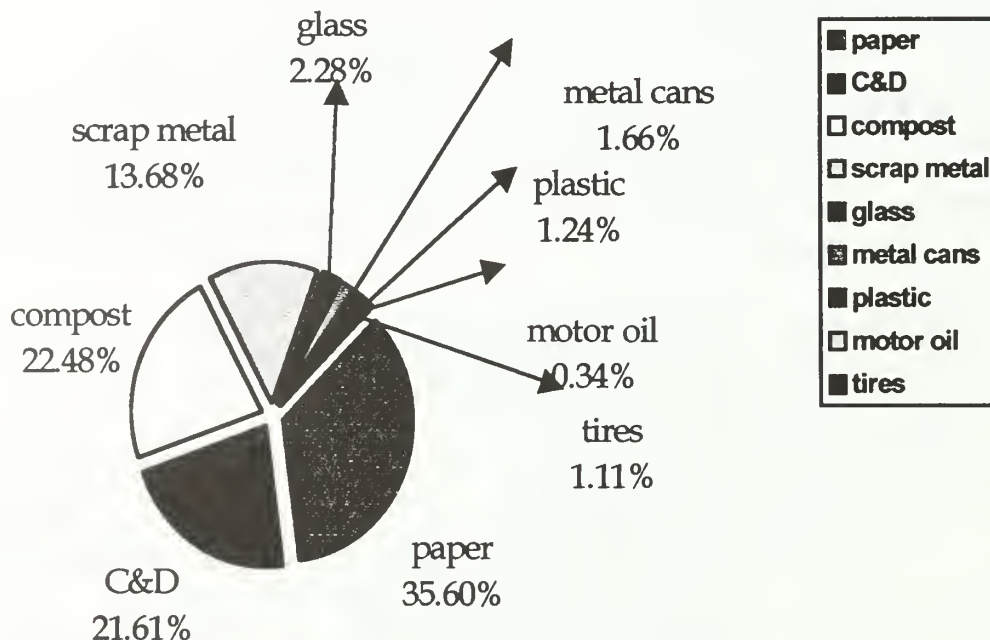
primary recyclables by over 10% from 434 tons in FY '98 to 483 tons in FY '99. At the same time, the trash that we send to the incinerator only increased by 3% from 1756 tons to 1806 tons. The 315 tons of paper that were kept out of our trash represents a saving of over \$15,000. The "Stop & Swap" is a highlight of everyone's trip to the Transfer Station. Here is what we recycled this year:

Recycled Commodities (in tons unless indicated)

Paper	Metal Cans	Glass	Plastic	Scrap Metal	Compost	Tires	Motor Oil	C&D
315.79	14.75	20.18	11	121.34	199.4 *	985 tires	1638 gal.	191.66

\* includes: 413 Xmas trees @ 32 lb.  
194 compost bins @ 500 lb.

## Recycling percentages



Middleton continues to offer its residents the opportunity to properly dispose of many difficult to manage wastes:

- 55 residents took advantage of the annual Household Hazardous Waste collection in November.
- 1638 gallons of used motor oil disposed of by residents were used to heat the DPW garage.
- 985 tires were collected at the Transfer Station where they were picked up by a tire recycler.

In FY'99 Middleton also collected almost 200 tons of construction and demolition (C&D) material through monthly special collections. Unfortunately the disposal cost for these materials took a rapid 40% jump with more increases expected. This forced us to discontinue the program in April

As of April 1, 2000, state regulations prohibit the disposal of CRT's (computer monitors and televisions) at landfills or incinerators. The loads which are brought to Ogden Martin will be inspected and rejected if they contain these materials. We ask residents to continue to take advantage of the twice-annual electronics collection events sponsored by the League of Women Voters and to refrain from putting CRT's in the compactor.

Composting remains a backbone of our waste diversion program. The leaves and grass which you bring to the Transfer Station are composted and used in town parks. Many residents also compost at home.

As Middleton's recycling program enters its tenth year, it is very gratifying to look back at how far we have come. In 1990 we collected glass and plastics in cardboard appliance boxes and paper in a rented container. Our markets were uncertain and hauling was expensive. Our first recycling rate was about 10%. Today we have a clean, efficiently run program and our recycling rate is 40%. We hope that with your continued participation, this rate will grow towards the 50%, that has been attained by some Massachusetts communities.

For more complete information about recycling in Middleton, you can call the E-call hot line at 1-800-800-6881. You will be asked to enter your zip code using your touch tone phone. You will then be provided with up to date information about recycling, including any special collections such as our annual Fall HHW collection day. This service to Middleton residents is sponsored by the Topsfield/Boxford/Middleton League of Women Voters. Residents who do not use the Transfer Station but still wish to recycle may obtain a free "Recycling Only" sticker at the Treasurer's office.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jane Morrin, Chairperson  
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# TRI-TOWN COUNCIL on YOUTH and FAMILY SERVICES

## WHO WE ARE

The Tri-Town Council on Youth and Family Services is Middleton's local non-profit human services agency. Tri-town residents founded this grassroots organization in 1972 to address concerns about drug and alcohol abuse by area youth. Since then, residents from Middleton, Boxford and Topsfield have generously supported the Council's programs and services.

## WHAT WE DO

Today our mission remains closely tied to youth and families. Our services, which are broadly categorized as PREVENTION, INTERVENTION and COMMUNITY BUILDING, have expanded from substance abuse to other social concerns such as domestic violence, teen dating violence, prejudice, health and wellness, parenting, after school programming, and employee assistance programs. We are also a central resource for information and referrals.

Our goal is to be responsive to community needs. Agency by-laws ensure close contact with Tri-Town residents' interests and concerns by mandating that the composition of our Board of Directors include at least four volunteer representatives from each of the three towns. Middleton currently is very well represented with eleven volunteers on the Board: John Sieczkowski, Alice Tierney, Connie Coste, Ron Coste, Diane Haas, Robyn Stedman, Liz Cameron, Bob McKenzie, and Rodney Pendleton along with two Masconomet student representatives, Danny Archung and Jeff Pepe.

*The Council's major **PREVENTION** activities over the past year included:*

☛ Opening the **Tri-Town Teen Center**.

☛ Hosting the substance-free **Post-Prom Party** (45 students attended).

☛ Hosting the **All Night Graduation Party** (175 graduates attended).

☛ Sponsoring the **CARE** committee, a Boxford based group that raises money for Sponsor-A-Family Program and Santa's Helper Program.

☛ Making **presentations** to Masconomet students, in conjunction with the Health curriculum, on topics including dating violence, anger management, substance abuse/ drinking and driving, HIV/AIDS and other Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STDs), healthy relationships, etc.

☛ Sponsoring **S.T.E.P.** (Systematic Training for Effective Parenting), an eight-week course on parenting offered by Joan Wing, LICSW in Boxford.

*Our **INTERVENTION** activities included:*

☛ **Direct Counseling and Crisis Intervention** services provided by two full-time and one half-time counselors at Masconomet Regional High School and Middle School. Over 200 different students were directly served while all 1,700 received services indirectly. We also employ or affiliate with four counselors in the community who offer therapy services for children, couples, and families.

☛ **Employee Assistance Program** currently provided through a contract to the Town of Middleton for Town Employees (6 different employees served).

☛ **Information, Consultation and Referral** services through our office in Middleton (300+ calls).

☛ Meeting with groups of students and individuals to discuss **Violence, Intolerance, Substance Abuse, Healthy Relationships** and other topics of interest to teens.

*Our **COMMUNITY BUILDING** activities included:*

☛ **Community Forums** on topics of interest such as school safety and the dangers of drinking and driving.

☛ Participation in the **Strawberry, Apple, and Pumpkin Festivals**.

☛ Sponsoring the **WORLD AIDS DAY Candlelight Vigil** on December 1<sup>st</sup>.

☛ Participation in school and **community educational programs**.

☛ Sponsoring a **Seatbelt** campaign.

☛ Hosting the **Fall Foliage Classic Road Race**, in conjunction with the Topsfield Rotary Club of Topsfield, Boxford, and Middleton and the Topsfield Lions Club.

☛ Participation on various **committees and councils**.

In FY '00 the Council was a member of the Health Advisory Council, The Massachusetts Council of Human Services Providers, the Substance Abuse and Violence Prevention Council, the Teen Center Advisory Council, the Post Prom and Graduation Party Committees, the Rotary Club of Topsfield, Boxford, and Middleton, the Middleton Board of Trade, the Community Collaborative Initiative (a troubleshooting committee organized by District Attorney Kevin M. Burke's office designed to create and strengthen area resource networks), and the Massachusetts Bay United Way. We were also members the Masconomet Assemblies Committee and the School Safety Task Force.

#### OF SPECIAL NOTE

Tri-Town Council played a vital role in supporting the ABC Masconomet program during the past year. ABC Masconomet is a non-profit program that offers "A Better Chance" for academically qualified, low-income, minority students to achieve an outstanding education at Masconomet High School. This important program was on the verge of closing due to a lack of community support when the Tri-Town Council Board of Directors, led by Guy Simmons, offered to serve as an interim ABC Masconomet Board. This support along with our concerted effort to find new board members for the program resulted in the formation of an entirely new ABC Masconomet Board, some 20 members strong! Two Tri-Town Council board members continue to sit on the ABC Masconomet Board.

#### OUR FUNDING

The Town of Middleton allocated \$19,055 or about \$3 per resident in FY '00 in support of the Tri-Town Council's programs for its youth and families. This funding amounted to 8% of our total budget and was extremely important to the financial health of the Council. Altogether, the towns of Topsfield, Boxford and Middleton accounted for 25% of the Council's budget. Middleton's share was based on a modest 2.5% percent increase over FY '99. Contracted services with Masconomet Regional School District account for another 38% of our budget. All other funds were acquired through fund-raising events, memberships, and private foundation grants.

#### IN SUMMATION

We are working hard at the Tri-Town Council to be responsive to your needs, to promote healthy, safe and non-violent living, and especially hard to **keep our children alive!** Your support is very much appreciated.

Sincerely Yours,

Gary S. Sinclair  
Executive Director  
Tri-Town Council

## VETERANS' SERVICES

My report this year again focuses on the importance of safeguarding the necessary documents relating to military service, marriage, life insurance and V.A. correspondence.

Discharge papers, marriage certificates or child custody evidence should be secured from fire, theft or loss. This could be one of the most important legacies a veteran will ever leave his family.

Other documents that should be protected and filed with other family papers are government and commercial life insurance policies, any V.A. correspondence with identifying claim numbers, social security numbers, wills, and where applicable, naturalization papers.

Please remind your families of survivor's benefits as well. These include V.A. pensions, dependency and indemnity compensation for service-connected death, burial benefits and interment in a national cemetery.

The few hours spent by the veteran organizing and protecting his or her documents, and informing his family can do much to avoid anguish during times of emotional stress.

Due to the part-time nature of my position as Director-Agent, please feel free to call on me in the event of an emergency at any time. For routine situations, please call during the day. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

George M. Farley













